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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Ladies and Gentlemen,
3 will you go ahead and please be seated. We're going to
4 go ahead and convene. Ladies and Gentlemen, this being
5 an informational hearing we can go ahead and convene
6 without having a quorum, although we do anticipate we
7 will have a quorum during the course of the hearing.
8 And Senator Perata, the chair of the Senate Committee,
9 is en-route, should be here shortly.

10 I want to thank you all for attending this
11 hearing of the Assembly Committee on Elections,
12 Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments in
13 conjunction with the Senate Committee on Elections and
14 Reapportionment.

15 Both of our houses are committed to a fair
16 and open process where members of the public can be
17 heard and have an effective role in redistricting this
18 year.

19 This is the first of two days of interactive
20 hearings that we'll have in Sacramento. Many of you may
21 recall we had eight days of hearings previously before
22 coming out with the plan from the Assembly, an
23 additional five days of hearings by the Senate before
24 coming out with the plans which are before us today.

25 The purpose of these hearings is to try and

1 find out what kinds of reactions people have to the
2 plans we've now put forward after having taken extensive
3 hearings -- testimony on initial suggestions.

4 The maps of our proposed districts are on
5 display at all of the remote locations. We have several
6 locations around the state hooked up live with us right
7 now. I know that they can hear us at those locations
8 and this afternoon they will give us their own testimony
9 from those remote locations. Tomorrow we will be doing
10 the same thing. Today focusing on Northern California
11 and tomorrow on Southern California.

12 The process of drawing the lines you see
13 before you has been an extraordinarily complex and
14 involved one that's required input from technical folks,
15 attorneys and massive numbers of citizens from all over
16 the state. The lines before you should reflect as well
17 as we possibly can the court rulings that we've been
18 obliged to follow that have been issued in the past in
19 this area, the provisions of the state and federal
20 constitutions, as well as trying to the best extent we
21 could to represent communities of interest throughout
22 the state that wanted to be held together.

23 Particularly cities which are one of the
24 communities of interest that people choose at the local
25 level. City boundaries are determined at local levels.

1 We've tried very, very hard to respect those boundary
2 lines, far more than prior plans. But it is
3 challenging. We look forward to getting input from
4 people suggesting things that perhaps need to be
5 tweaked, and we want to encourage all parties to visit
6 our web sites for additional information.

7 Today from 9:00 until noon -- theoretically
8 from 9:00; from now until noon we will take testimony
9 here in this room. That portion of the hearing will not
10 be interactive. People in the local areas will only be
11 able to hear it and see it.

12 The afternoon portion beginning at 1:00
13 o'clock, however, will be two-way and is designed to
14 accommodate individuals and organizations who wish to
15 testify from the regional Northern and Central
16 California sites. That testimony will be presented to
17 the committee via video teleconferencing and allow for
18 interaction between the individuals testifying from the
19 regional sites and the members of the committee.

20 Individuals at all of the regional sites will
21 also be able to view this testimony. And the same
22 format will be followed tomorrow with the morning
23 session accommodating people in the room here in
24 Sacramento in the Capitol and in the afternoon session
25 beginning at 1:00, again taking testimony from remote

1 locations.

2 In both cases it will be on a first-come,
3 first-served basis. In the remote locations it will be
4 a continuous rotating fashion and technicians are going
5 to make sure that we go from accommodating each site and
6 everybody gets fair opportunities until we exhaust the
7 people who want to testify.

8 Let me also advise interested parties that
9 should you wish to submit written testimony or comments
10 to be considered during these final days of finishing up
11 the redistricting process, you should send them via
12 overnight mail to the Assembly Redistricting Task Force,
13 1020 N Street, Room 357, Sacramento, California 95814.

14 I'll double-check with staff. You can advise
15 me if we need an additional address for the Senate or if
16 we will simply share those submissions directly at one
17 address, so if you could advise me of that, I'll pass
18 that along.

19 We thank everyone for your participation
20 today, and before we take testimony, I would like to
21 allow the committee members just to introduce themselves
22 going along the dais starting with Assemblymember Bill
23 Leonard.

24 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LEONARD: Thank you,
25 Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the opportunity to listen

1 to the input that we're going to receive on the plans
2 that are proposed before us. Thank you for having this
3 hearing.

4 ASSEMBLYMEMBER DAUCHER: Good morning. Lynn
5 Daucher from Northern Orange County, and I too look
6 forward to hearing the testimony this morning.

7 SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Ross Johnson.

8 MR. DARREN CHESIN: Darren Chesin, Chief
9 Consultant Senate Elections Reapportionment Committee.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And I actually don't
11 recall if I did mention, I'm John Longville,
12 Assemblymember from San Bernardino County. Go ahead and
13 introduce yourself, Willie, so people know who you are.

14 MR. GUERRERO: Willie Guerrero, Chief
15 Consultant for the committee.

16 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASHBURN: Good morning,
17 Mr. Chairman and members. Roy Ashburn, Vice Chairman of
18 the Assembly Elections Reapportionment Committee.

19 MR. REXRODE: Matt Rexrode, legal counsel for
20 the Assembly Republican caucus on redistricting.

21 MR. YOAKUM: Doug Yoakum, Republican
22 consultant to the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment
23 Committee.

24 ASSEMBLYMEMBER OROPEZA: Assemblymember Jenny
25 Oropeza representing communities in Southeast Los

1 Angeles County.

2 ASSEMBLYMEMBER VARGAS: Good morning
3 everyone, Assemblymember Juan Vargas from San Diego.

4 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Marco Firebaugh
5 from Los Angeles County.

6 SENATOR CHESBRO: Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
8 Yes, go ahead.

9 SENATOR CHESBRO: I would like to ask your
10 indulgence. I'm Senator Wes Chesbro, representing the
11 northwest corner of the state, and I have a member of
12 the board of supervisors and the elected county assessor
13 from Del Norte County, traveled over 300 miles and had
14 not been aware of the scheduled agenda this morning and
15 would like to -- I'd like to request on their behalf
16 that you give them the opportunity to address a concern
17 that they have -- a serious concern that they have with
18 the proposed Senate redistricting plan right away up
19 front here in the hearings so that they can make their
20 way back to Del Norte County.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Let me ask members of
22 the committee. If members of the committee are willing
23 to, I'm willing to accommodate at the conclusion of the
24 testimony we have from members of the legislature to
25 insert -- its two individuals, Senator?

1 SENATOR CHESBRO: Right.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And is it understood
3 that their testimony is not going to be extremely long?

4 SENATOR CHESBRO: They're sitting in the
5 audience and they're hearing you say that, and I assume
6 they're receiving that direction and I'm encourage --

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: If they wish to have
8 long comments we would certainly accommodate that but
9 not upfront. If it's going to be reasonably brief
10 comments a few minutes at the most, that's fine.
11 Assemblymember Steinberg.

12 ASSEMBLYMEMBER STEINBERG: Mr. Chairman and
13 members, Darrell Steinberg representing Sacramento. If
14 I might make a similar request. I'm joined by Bonnie
15 Pannell, councilmember from the City of Sacramento, and
16 while she does not have to travel far to get back to her
17 place of work, today is a council day and she is here,
18 and if it would be possible to accommodate Councilmember
19 Pannell up front briefly as well, I would appreciate
20 that.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Members of the
22 committee I presume again under the similar situation we
23 would accommodate Councilmember as well. Were there any
24 members of the legislature that came here to speak on
25 their own behalf other than just to try and get a

1 constituent into the order of the agenda here?

2 SENATOR CHESBRO: Well, I will say,

3 Mr. Chairman, that I agree with you to local elected

4 officials, so I will be giving them my time essentially

5 because they will be expressing my views on the issue.

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,

7 Senator. One moment, Ms. Oropeza?

8 ASSEMBLYMEMBER OROPEZA: Thank you,

9 Mr. Chairman. I also have the president of the Long

10 Beach Harbor Commission who is with us, flew up today,

11 and there is a Harbor Commission meeting today. So I

12 would appreciate accommodation for her to make some

13 brief comments as well.

14 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I'm assuming that all

15 members are basically willing to accommodate a specific

16 individual at the request of another member being

17 allowed to testify provided that the testimony is not

18 extensive, recognizing that they're deferring someone

19 else who has already been scheduled to come in by doing

20 this.

21 So if they can keep their remarks brief, I'm

22 assuming we will basically accommodate such requests if

23 all members approve.

24 SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I have

25 another question, if I may.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you, Senator.

2 SENATOR JOHNSON: You indicated that people

3 wishing to submit written commentary, criticism,

4 suggestions, whatever, should overnight mail to an

5 address. The question is: Is there anything that would

6 prevent us from receiving comments via e-mail?

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: None that I can think

8 of, Senator. Let me just double-check with staff as to

9 whether or not there's a preferred e-mail address to

10 which someone can send something.

11 SENATOR JOHNSON: And the second question

12 is --

13 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: We could use the

14 Senate Committee's e-mail address.

15 SENATOR JOHNSON: The next question, the

16 follow-up to that is whether received via mail or e-mail

17 what will be the process for making those available to

18 all members of the committee and committee staff, both

19 majority and minority staff?

20 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you, very much,

21 Senator. Let me ask staff if they can be prepared to

22 provide a response to Senator Johnson's question, and I

23 recognize they may have to discuss it briefly, but if

24 you can give us some feedback on that in a few moments

25 and we will go ahead perhaps at the time we break

1 between these initial witnesses and the scheduled
2 witnesses we can perhaps ask for an update on that.

3 And at some point here soon Senator Perata
4 will be arriving as well and we will afford him an
5 opportunity to make a brief comment at that time.

6 SENATOR JOHNSON: I do think that having an
7 answer to these questions will be important for the
8 course of the hearing today and tomorrow if witnesses
9 know they'll be able to amplify and provide data backing
10 up the positions that they've taken via e-mail or
11 overnight mail. And in the knowledge that that
12 information will be made available to all members of the
13 committee, I think it might expedite things.

14 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
15 Senator, I agree. The only question is the exact
16 methodology for doing so, and we'll get that as quickly
17 as we can for you.

18 With that, I believe -- unless there are any
19 other questions -- let me just double-check. Senator
20 Chesbro, had we finished --

21 SENATOR CHESBRO: Yes, Supervisor Martha
22 McClure and County Assessor Jerry Cochran of Del Norte
23 County would like to come up and provide brief
24 testimony.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. We will take

1 them. I want to first double-check. I believe
2 Assemblymember Keeley was -- were you going to make some
3 testimony, Assemblymember Keeley, we would take?
4 Assemblymember Steinberg, was there any additional
5 comments you had wanted?

6 ASSEMBLYMEMBER STEINBERG: I wanted to make a
7 brief opening comment myself.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: We will do that as
9 soon as we finish, and I don't know if Assemblymember
10 Wyman was --

11 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WYMAN: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman. I simply wanted to reference and let the
13 committee know that speaking from the interactive site
14 in San Bernardino Valley College will be a large
15 delegation from High Desert who are concerned
16 particularly with the carving up of that High Desert
17 region.

18 Those folks will be making the comments as am
19 I today that the principal concerns we have in High
20 Desert as a region that I reviewed in my testimony June
21 8th when I appeared in Los Angeles are issues that have
22 to be addressed. Some of those issues that are not yet
23 resolved include the Indian Wells Valley and then the
24 integrity of the Victor Valley which refer to the 32nd
25 and 34th district and the Victor Valley would be the

1 63rd.

2 The cry from that community is that the High
3 Desert which has been unified in the past in the Victor
4 Valley and Barstow area ought to have a chance to elect
5 one of its own, as was found in court directory
6 reapportionments of 1970 and 1990. And you'll be
7 hearing more, but I felt it was important that I brought
8 those issues as High Desert as a region just generally
9 before the committee for consideration. I have no
10 witnesses but they will be testifying interactively
11 including Supervisor Posmas at that time.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
13 Assemblymember, why don't you give Assemblymember
14 Ashburn an opportunity. He wanted to make a comment,
15 and then I also had a question I had to ask of staff,
16 but Mr. Ashburn first.

17 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASHBURN: Mr. Chairman,
18 Assemblymember Wyman has mentioned a couple of areas
19 specifically that I think we can handle early with
20 respect to information and input and perhaps allay any
21 concern and shorten the process, both with respect to the
22 Kern River Valley in Kern County and Indian Wells Valley
23 also in Kern County put on the border with San
24 Bernardino and Inyo County.

25 I've asked the Republican staff to redraw

1 those maps in a way that unites the Kern River Valley so
2 that the communities of Wofford Heights and Kernville
3 are united with the other communities surrounding Lake
4 Isabella and also that the Indian Wells Valley including
5 Ridgecrest and Inyokern be included, and those
6 communities would be in tact within the proposed 32nd
7 Assembly District.

8 Given the transportation in the -- in that
9 area, those areas more closely relate on a
10 transportation basis and also the drawing in that manner
11 is consistent with the longstanding configuration of the
12 division of the county for supervisorial districts, and
13 so the population in making those adjustments between
14 the 32nd and the 34th is equal. And I'm sure that the
15 committee will look favorably upon those changes because
16 they more accurately reflect the interest of the area,
17 keep the areas within the county, mirror the
18 supervisorial districts. And so on that point I would
19 request that amendments be made to accomplish those
20 changes.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I would note first
22 this is an informational hearing, so we will have to --
23 we can discuss those and recommend them, but we're
24 really not going to adopt them as a committee. But the
25 other question -- what we will do though is pass them on

1 obviously through staff. What I wanted to do from staff
2 at this point is have you check and give me some
3 feedback on -- my understanding had been that we were
4 having certain sites on today and certain ones on
5 tomorrow. I just want to verify that we've got folks in
6 San Bernardino Valley today versus tomorrow, I don't
7 remember which one.

8 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WYMAN: My understanding,
9 Mr. Chair, is they will be interactively giving their
10 testimony tomorrow. And of course we know, and I
11 understand this process to mean it is a work in
12 progress. And to the extent that adjustments need to be
13 made in areas that Mr. Ashburn's represented, that I
14 have represented and as the 34th and the 67th are looked
15 at, those are concerns in this region going back to my
16 testimony, and so I appreciate the input.

17 That's why I am here, because as people are
18 looking at them they don't reflect those changes, and I
19 think that our constituents and hopefully those
20 throughout the state will understand that what is
21 proposed is not necessarily what is disposed, and it is
22 the intent of this hearing to solve those problems. So
23 I look forward to working with both the majority and
24 minority staffs to be sure that we accomplish the goals
25 that Mr. Ashburn and I would like to see in that region.

1 And then looking in the others I suggested, and as I say
2 there will be a delegation of folks from the High Desert
3 region talking about those other districts as well. I
4 thank you for your time.

5 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you, very much,
6 Assemblymember. Let me go on. Assemblymember Keeley,
7 and then did I have any other -- I'm going to take
8 members first and then the individuals who are specific
9 guests of members after that.

10 ASSEMBLYMEMBER KEELEY: Good morning,
11 Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and members, my name is Fred
12 Keeley. I currently represent the 27th Assembly
13 District which is Monterey and portions of Monterey
14 County and all of Santa Cruz County.

15 Mr. Chairman and members, what I'd like to do
16 is focus in on a couple of points. One is with regard
17 to the Assembly District lines that are being proposed
18 as they relate to the 27th Assembly District, I am fully
19 supportive of the proposed maps.

20 And the reason for that is I think the map
21 that is proposed for the 27th Assembly District and as
22 it relates to the adjoining 28th Assembly District
23 recognize the community of interest that exists in the
24 Central Coast of California.

25 It is very respectful of those communities of

1 interest, makes minimal changes in the district lines,
2 only those necessary in my view to reflect the changes
3 in population growth in one area and not so much in
4 another. I cannot say the same for the Senate lines and
5 I would like to focus my testimony in on that.

6 When members of the State Senate appeared in
7 San Jose as part of the Senate Elections and
8 Reapportionment Committee's hearings throughout the
9 state and Senator Johnson was there and others, I
10 provided testimony that was supported by every single
11 speaker that appeared at that hearing in San Jose
12 speaking about the 15th Senate District, and the thrust
13 of my testimony and those who followed was this: That
14 the Monterey Bay Area, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties
15 constitute a very clear community of interest and that
16 that can be defined in several ways in the Central
17 Coast.

18 One of the ways it is defined is by the
19 establishment several years ago of the Monterey Bay
20 National Marine Sanctuary which is really focused in on
21 the Monterey Bay area, and that has given rise to a
22 substantial investment by the federal and state
23 government, local communities as well, in really
24 fostering and enhancing the Monterey Bay National Marine
25 Sanctuary.

1 It is a clear designation about the -- about
2 coastal dependent agriculture, coastal dependent economy
3 in that region and it really brackets it in a very
4 profound way.

5 Secondly, there is a recognition by the
6 governments in this area that the Pajaro Valley provides
7 a watershed that is recognized by this legislature and
8 by the governor when they established the Pajaro River
9 Watershed Management Authority which includes Santa
10 Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and portions of Santa Clara
11 County, which also happen to be what the 15th Senate
12 District looks like.

13 So it is very clear when we look at the
14 geography of the area, we look at the recognition by
15 government when it has established boundaries of
16 districts that there are communities of interest that
17 really do well-define the existing 15th Senate District.

18 Additionally, when looking at air basins,
19 many years ago in the establishment of the air basins
20 throughout the State of California, the Monterey Bay
21 Unified Air Pollution Control District is a Santa Cruz
22 and Monterey County air pollution control district. So
23 whether we look at it by way of air district, watershed
24 management, we look at it in terms of coastal resources,
25 we look at it in terms of education and what is going on

1 in the Monterey Bay area where the establishment of Long
2 Marine Lab, the Moss Landing Marine Lab, Hopkins Marine
3 Lab, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and the
4 Monterey Bay Aquarium, we can see that there's also a
5 focus in the Monterey Bay area between Santa Cruz and
6 Monterey Counties which is a world focus of world-class
7 marine research.

8 Any way you want to really look at the
9 Central Coast, what is clear, and it has been recognized
10 for decades, is Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties really
11 are a unified community of interest. We can understand
12 that also by looking at history, where for 40 years in
13 four successive reapportionments Santa Cruz County and
14 Monterey Counties have been held together in a single
15 Senate District so that the 700,000 people that live in
16 Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties elect someone,
17 Republican or Democrat, and frankly that area has sent
18 both to the State Senate over the last 40 years, that it
19 is a person who is from the Monterey Bay area who
20 represents the Central Coast.

21 What is being proposed now is really a series
22 of maps which I think fly directly in the face of all of
23 the testimony provided to the Senate committee by every
24 person who spoke at the hearing in San Jose. And that
25 is a map which divides Santa Cruz County into two

1 districts, Monterey County into three districts, the
2 entire Senate District would have pieces of four
3 separate Senate Districts, and I think that it is, it
4 defies any straight-faced or legal argument in support
5 of recognizing and respecting communities of interest.

6 I think that the proposed map would have the
7 practical effect of silencing the voices of 700,000
8 residents of the Central Coast of California. It would
9 assure that the people in Monterey and Santa Cruz County
10 would be the tail on three separate docks, and I think
11 that that is inappropriate when you look at the
12 historical recognition of Santa Cruz and Monterey
13 Counties holding together in a single Senate District.

14 And I think that it flies in the face of all
15 of the legal tests that we have been asked as members of
16 the legislature for over a year now to apply when we are
17 thinking of how we want to understand this redistricting
18 process and how we are supposed to go out there and
19 speak to communities of interest in our districts and
20 how we are supposed to view this not as a political
21 exercise but instead as an exercise which is rooted in
22 law and that law is rooted in the concept of continuity
23 of communities of interest.

24 And Mr. Chairman and members, I think that
25 the proposal before the Central Coast of California

1 flies in the face of that. I would ask you to reject
2 it, to rethink it as it relates to the Central Coast and
3 the Senate District maps. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 Thank you, members.

5 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
6 Assemblymember Keeley. We appreciate your comments.
7 And I believe then Senator Chesbro would be next, and
8 then I have Assemblymember Steinberg's guest. First,
9 Senator Chesbro's guests, first-come, first-served, and
10 then Assemblymember Steinberg's guests. And I would ask
11 that you try and address the specific problems you see
12 with the existing plans and make them as concise as you
13 can. Thank you very much, we appreciate it. Thank you
14 for your consideration. We appreciate you coming the
15 great distance.

16 SENATOR CHESBRO: Mr. Chairman and members of
17 the committee, as I indicated earlier I have Supervisor
18 Martha McClure of the Del Norte County Board of
19 Supervisors and the Del Norte County Assessor Jerry
20 Cochran who have traveled a great distance and have very
21 serious concerns. And I yield my time as a member to
22 them to present their concerns. Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: Thank you. The plan is
24 that I am going to start and I wish to address this
25 committee in relationship to Del Norte County. For

1 those of you who aren't aware of where Del Norte County
2 is or what Del Norte County is, we are on the
3 northern-most reaches of California on the
4 California/Oregon border. We are about 50 miles long
5 from the Humboldt County border to the Oregon border,
6 and we are about 30 miles wide as far as property that
7 is owned by private citizens. The rest of the property
8 in the county is owned by the Federal government, the
9 State of California, and they encompass Redwood National
10 and State Parks and the national recreation area.

11 So in addition to the population equity that
12 we know the legislative districts need to follow, there
13 are guidelines from the state that talk about the
14 geographical integrity of a locale and the courts have
15 recognized the importance of the community of interest.

16 I too come to this committee with a plea for
17 community of interest. And community of interest
18 includes but are not limited to the socioeconomic status
19 of a region, the shared political issues of a region,
20 the transportation, the media structures, the schools,
21 the churches and community organizations.

22 A community of interest is considered
23 significant only if it is geographically compact. I
24 contend that Del Norte County with our 50 miles of
25 coastline and our 30 miles inland that we are indeed

1 geographically compact.

2 In fact, in the county there are about 26,000
3 residents, 4,000 of which live at Pelican Bay State
4 Prison. The Pacific coastline, the coastal forest and
5 the coastal mountain range and its watersheds are in the
6 compact area of Del Norte County and its southern
7 coastal counties in District 2. We share no
8 geographical features with the inland county of the
9 proposed District 4.

10 The geography is defined by area code
11 regions. For instance, Del Norte County along with the
12 entire 2nd District share the 707 area code and compared
13 to the 503 area code of District 4.

14 We also share a community of interest in
15 relationship to transportation. We cannot get to the
16 new proposed district without, one, leaving the state on
17 a four and a half hour ride to the nearest Senate seat
18 or leaving our county and re-entering our former
19 district of District 2 and driving for four and a half
20 hours to the Senate seat.

21 The closest incorporated communities in
22 District 4 are over four hours away. The closest
23 incorporated community in District 2 that we currently
24 partner with is Humboldt County and it is about an hour
25 away by car. So it's imperative that we ask you to

1 please consider the impact of an interest of our sharing
2 a Senate District that we cannot get there from here.

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Can I ask you, are
4 you about at the conclusion because we're going to have
5 to wrap up. We really are real tight here --

6 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: No, I'm not.

7 MR. COCHRAN: I'll yield.

8 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: This is a decade that
9 we're talking about for Del Norte County.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I understand that.
11 I'm just wondering is it possible that you can
12 supplement your oral testimony with some written
13 information perhaps at all. Go ahead and proceed. I
14 know we have a bunch of people waiting and we put you in
15 front of them.

16 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: I know and I thought I
17 had at least five or ten minutes.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: No, no, a few
19 minutes. Candidly we have too many people waiting.

20 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: I'll be glad to wait
21 until 1:00 o'clock if you'd like.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Members of the
23 committee --

24 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: I mean I just feel it's
25 imperative.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I think we probably
2 will candidly have to do that. The reality is if we go
3 on at this kind of length we're going to throw off
4 people who already had been scheduled so badly they'll
5 miss flights.

6 MR. COCHRAN: We would miss our flight also,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: We understand that
9 but we had - some people contacted us ahead of time and
10 scheduled testimony --

11 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: We followed the
12 announcement that your office put out that it was a
13 first-come, first-serve for public testimony from 9:00
14 to 12:00.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. If you can
16 wrap it up.

17 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: I'll try my best.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
19 appreciate it.

20 SUPERVISOR McCLURE: The other people I want
21 to talk about is the socioeconomic basis of the coastal
22 communities in which we are now associated. If you
23 travel from Willits to the Oregon border you are going
24 to find an economy that is very similar. An economy
25 that is struggling, that is attempting to do some

1 eco-tourism, that is attempting to have some kind of
2 research on the North Coast. We have all been
3 extraction-based communities, extractions of resources
4 that is now limited. When you hook us up with the
5 fourth district you are putting us into farm communities
6 that have very little, very little to do with Del Norte
7 County.

8 Shared political issues. We have the redwood
9 forest. We have needs for -- we have a harbor. We are
10 in the process of looking at a marine sanctuary off our
11 coast. The fourth district has no harbors. The second
12 district has four harbors. Those are all part of our
13 community of interest that we feel is being violated.

14 The county also is -- we are at the low end
15 of the totem pole as far as how California makes a
16 living. We still run at about nine percent unemployment
17 and we really need to have a combined effort of our
18 Assembly and our Senate for specific issues.

19 We are in a process of seeing the Mill Creek
20 26,000 acres be purchased by the State of California for
21 additional park land in our community, and we want to
22 participate in that management scheme but when you
23 splinter our representation out, we are not getting fair
24 and equitable reputation by putting us in District 4.

25 Also, there is the entire media structure of

1 District 2. We have the regional paper of the Humboldt
2 Times and the Sacramento -- the Santa Rosa Press
3 Democratic are the two regional papers that will report
4 on issues in relationship to the coast. There are no
5 papers in District 4 that even know that Del Norte
6 County is on the map, and that's significant in being
7 able to get our issues in the frontal lobe of
8 assemblymen and senators.

9 There is also no media -- there are two
10 television stations in our district currently that cover
11 us. There are none in District 4 that will cover any of
12 our issues. Our schools are not -- we don't have shared
13 districts with Humboldt County, yet all of the
14 conferences the children participate in, the Olympics of
15 the Mind, in the forensics debate, in the football
16 games, in all of the activities are north and south in
17 Humboldt County and Mendocino County.

18 We have more than two dozen local
19 organizations that have membership in Humboldt County
20 and Del Norte County. You are cutting us off from our
21 community of interest. We are 25,000 people that is
22 very difficult for us to get our voice heard and now
23 you're putting us at a place where we can't even get
24 there, let alone does it share any of our interest that
25 we can ask for assistance in a collaborative effort.

1 I will tell you that the Republican central
2 committee, the Del Norte County central committee and
3 the green central committee in our community have all
4 sent letters asking that we not be redistricted. We
5 also have letters from the board of supervisors in our
6 county and in other counties that are on file.

7 I feel like I'm just like trying to catch any
8 kind of hope here that if this is truly a hearing that
9 is organized to take care of the glitches that have
10 surfaced in this redistricting process I believe that
11 you will hear our needs and our requests and that you
12 will understand that this is the correctness of action
13 to make sure that little communities like Del Norte
14 County who are isolated and rural, are able to still be
15 able to partner with their region.

16 And so I'm asking that you please reconsider
17 putting us into the fourth district. There are
18 proposals out there, I know, I have -- you know, one
19 percent of half of the people that you're talking about
20 in Del Norte County represent the one percent margin
21 that you have. So we're talking about moving a line of
22 blocks somewhere.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I appreciate it. Is
24 there any additional substantive information that you needed
25 to pass along to us so that we can weigh it as we look

1 at these possible changes?

2 MR. COCHRAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm Jerry
3 Cochran, I'm the Del Norte County Assessor. I was
4 fortunate enough to work with Pauline Davis who
5 represented the old first district for two years and
6 only once did she appear in Del Norte County in that
7 two-year period because of that divide between Siskiyou
8 and Del Norte County.

9 I was also fortunate enough to work with
10 Randy Collier prior to taking office when he represented
11 only Del Norte and Siskiyou County. That's
12 understandable, before one man, one vote.

13 This doesn't make sense to me. All of my
14 issues are north and south, and this just breaks that
15 endeavor to do it right. And I suspect that between
16 Mrs. McClure and myself we will submit written
17 testimony, and we appreciate the opportunity you've
18 given us here today. Thanks.

19 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much
20 both of you. We appreciate the fact that you had to
21 come from an extraordinary distance and that this made
22 it difficult for you to come during the first round of
23 hearings as well, so I kind of let you go a little
24 longer than I think I probably would have with someone
25 who wasn't coming from such a distance. Thank you for

1 your time.

2 SENATOR CHESBRO: Thank you for your
3 consideration.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you, Senator
5 Chesbro. I have Assemblymember Steinberg and then after
6 that, and his guest of course who is vice mayor of
7 Sacramento, and then after that I'm just going to
8 double-check that I didn't have another member -- excuse
9 me. Okay. Then the Port of Long Beach after that.
10 Thank you very much. With Assemblymember Oropeza's
11 guest. Assemblymember Steinberg, please introduce your
12 guest.

13 ASSEMBLYMEMBER STEINBERG: Thank you,
14 Mr. Chairman and members. I want to introduce to you
15 vice mayor of the City of Sacramento, Councilmember
16 Bonnie Pernell. Before I turn over to Bonnie I just
17 want to say why I'm here sitting next to my colleague.

18 I am here to strongly urge this committee and
19 the legislature to retain the community of Meadowview in
20 the 9th Assembly District. Meadowview is a big part of
21 the City of Sacramento which of course I represent a
22 large portion of the City of Sacramento. It is
23 identified closely with the city.

24 Whether it's the development of the Samuel
25 Pernell Meadowview Community Center. Named after Vice

1 Mayor Pannell's late husband and my former colleague, or
2 the Home Depot or the work of Meadowview Community
3 Action. The work in this community is done in
4 partnership with the City of Sacramento.

5 Sacramento takes pride in the fact of its
6 great and wide diversity. This community that we are
7 talking about that is proposed to be moved out of the
8 9th Assembly District into the 17th Assembly District is
9 78 percent people of color. And the effect of this
10 proposed reapportionment plan will be essentially to
11 take those people and move them into a district in which
12 they will not have quite as much commonality in terms of
13 their community of interest, in terms of their close
14 identification with the city as they do currently in the
15 9th Assembly District.

16 The 9th Assembly District is rightfully a
17 community which gives the ability, a strong ability of
18 minority candidates to compete in a race for the
19 Assembly. We think it's important that we continue and
20 the district continues to provide that opportunity, 78
21 percent people of color.

22 And so I'm here because this is of paramount
23 importance to me as the representative of the district
24 that this very fine community which I represent remain
25 part of the 9th Assembly District. I'd like to turn it

1 over to Vice Mayor Pernell.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Welcome Madam Vice
3 Mayor. We are happy to see you here today.

4 VICE MAYOR PERNELL: Thank you for having me,
5 Chair Longville. I have a statement that I need to read
6 into the record and this is not trying to, what's the
7 word I'm looking for, damage any relationship that I
8 have with any of the members here. Assemblymember
9 Darrell Steinberg has represented us well and we want to
10 keep him. State Senator Deborah Ortiz we appreciate
11 greatly and she kept us in her community, and I do
12 appreciate that, but I need to express my feelings here
13 today and you'll just have to bear with me while I read
14 my statement.

15 I'm Bonnie Pernell and I'm vice mayor for the
16 City of Sacramento and councilmember for District 8 in
17 South Sacramento. I stand before you today disappointed
18 that our friends in the California State Assembly would
19 ever consider splitting up our community and putting us
20 in the 17th Assembly District. The current proposal
21 splits Meadowview and send communities of interest like
22 Valley High and North Laguna to the 17th Assembly
23 District.

24 I'm upset because the needs of my district
25 are great and demand focused representation. I'm upset

1 because this proposal, intentionally or not, dilutes the
2 voting impact of people of color.

3 I'm disappointed because this was tried in
4 1991 and has reared its ugly head again in 2001. The
5 current representative just elected for the 17th
6 Assembly District lives 70 miles away from Meadowview.
7 The nearest town to Meadowview in the 17th is Walnut
8 Grove which is 29 miles away.

9 Meanwhile, South Sacramento sits only ten
10 miles away from where I'm sitting. South Sacramento
11 District 8 neighborhoods are not contiguous to Augustus,
12 Country Club, French Camp, Garden Acres, Isleton,
13 Kennedy, Lathrop, Lincoln Village, Stockton, Taft
14 Mosswood, Tracy or Walnut Grove. We share no community
15 interest with the 17th Assembly District.

16 The proposed Assembly District would nullify
17 and dilute voters of my community. My community needs
18 are great, greater than most communities we're being
19 replaced with. Transportation funds are needed for the
20 following four projects: Phase 2 of the southline light
21 rail to operate in (inaudible). Thanks to Governor Gray
22 Davis we have 70 million of the 185 million needed to
23 connect state university, junior colleges and high
24 schools. Widening of Bruceville Road between Consumnes
25 River Boulevard and Sheldon Road. Building an

1 interchange at Sheldon Road and Highway 99. Completing
2 the punch-through of Consummes River Boulevard to
3 Highway 5 including interchange.

4 Park development funds for a regional park in
5 South Sacramento and complete the development of
6 wetlands between Highway 5 and 99 just north of the
7 Sacramento Sanitation Regional Plant.

8 Educational funds to build new elementary
9 schools and Head-Start programs. Library funds for a
10 permanent library in the Valley High North Laguna area.
11 Taking Meadowview Parkway and Valley High out of the 9th
12 Assembly District and putting us in the 17th makes no
13 sense.

14 This was an opportunity to reunite all of
15 South Sacramento within the city limits and the 9th
16 Assembly District. This is the most blatant act of
17 gerrymandering I have ever witnessed.

18 Meadowview needs to be in a district with its
19 surrounding neighborhoods. Whatever political machine
20 is behind this reapportionment, is it racially
21 motivated? Is it an attempt to make sure that a person
22 of color is ever elected to the 9th Assembly District?
23 My district has more people of color and is more diverse
24 than any city council district in Sacramento. Why
25 Meadowview, why Parkway, why not Valley High? Why not

1 Park at Haven or the (inaudible) which has approximately
2 37,677 people in those communities.

3 Why would you support removing my entire
4 district out of the 9th Assembly District which is 78
5 percent people of color or 52,000 people and replacing
6 us with East Sacramento, River Park, Campus Commons,
7 Sierra Oaks, College Glen and North Natomas which is 91
8 percent white or 36,000 people.

9 In summary, I would suggest you keep Council
10 District 8 in the 9th Assembly District adding North
11 Laguna and putting those other Sacramento districts back
12 in the 10th District. I have always been a Democrat.
13 Please do not allow a rift to develop over this issue,
14 and I'm willing to work with any of you to come up with
15 a map that will benefit my community and the rest of the
16 city.

17 I want to thank you for allowing me to
18 testify today. I do appreciate it. We also have a
19 letter here from Mayor Fargo who is also in support of
20 keeping my community within the 9th Assembly District.
21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
23 Vice Mayor. We appreciate your taking the time to come
24 and testify to us today, and I would ask that when staff
25 has -- when staff is going over these after we've

1 finished the hearing that staff give us some feedback,
2 and ideally it would be nice if we might even be able to
3 get some feedback to people who testify with some
4 information. I'm hoping we will be able to accommodate
5 as many requests as possible, and where we can't we will
6 at least be able to explain why. Thank you very much.
7 I have next -- excuse me, Senator Ortiz.

8 SENATOR ORTIZ: Just to quickly comment, I
9 want to thank Councilmember Pernell and Assemblymember
10 Steinberg. There really is a very strong history in the
11 community of Meadowview having been split in local
12 redistricting, and it is a community that is --
13 community of interest very well in tact and to be able
14 to contain it within the City of Sacramento is really
15 very essential.

16 I believe North Laguna, however, has in the
17 past been outside of the 9th A.D. but there is a very
18 strong compelling community of interest argument to be
19 made for Meadowview connecting to the City of Sacramento
20 and the Assembly District. I really want to thank
21 Councilmember Pernell and our mayor for going on the
22 record reflecting that.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
24 Senator. Again, we appreciate the testimony. We did
25 the best we could with the information we had available

1 at the time, and it may be that there are some court
2 rulings or something which require lines in some
3 particular places different than we would think, but I'm
4 going to be interested in getting feedback on it, and we
5 appreciate very much the vice mayor coming to testify.

6 At this time I'm going to let Assemblymember
7 Oropeza introduce Assemblymember Lowenthal who will
8 introduce the next speaker is my understanding.

9 ASSEMBLYMEMBER OROPEZA: Mr. Chair, thank you
10 and the committee members for your indulgence here. The
11 president of the Port of Long Beach is with us this
12 morning, Ms. Carmen Perez. Assemblymember Lowenthal and
13 I have the great honor to sort of jointly represent the
14 areas of the port in its activities, and so I would like
15 to yield to Mr. Lowenthal for introducing the speaker.

16 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LOWENTHAL: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chair and members of the committee. I would like to
18 first introduce the esteemed president of the Long Beach
19 Harbor Commission, and then after she has a few words to
20 say I have a few words to say myself, if that's
21 agreeable to the chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: It certainly is, and
23 I would just remind everyone again we're already behind.
24 So brevity is always appreciated.

25 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LOWENTHAL: I'm here in great

1 honor to represent someone who has toiled in the venues
2 and now also toiled in the ports. The ports of Long
3 Beach and Los Angeles are the major ports in the western
4 hemisphere. They are the engine that drives the
5 California economy, and it is very, very important that
6 when we consider redistricting that the economic engine,
7 the harbor district, be taken into consideration and not
8 to be carved up for political purposes. And with that
9 it is a great honor to introduce Ms. Carmen Perez.
10 Carmen, as I mentioned, is the president of the Long
11 Beach Harbor Commission and a staunch fighter for
12 economic development in our region. Carmen Perez.

13 MS. PEREZ: Thank you very much.
14 Mr. Chairman, honorable members, thank you first of all
15 for allowing me to testify out of order on an issue of
16 importance to Southern California, Los Angeles County
17 and Long Beach in particular. As president of the Long
18 Beach Harbor Commission I strongly urge you to oppose
19 the redistricting plans that excludes the Port of Long
20 Beach from its currently elected State Senator and U.S.
21 House of Representative districts.

22 The Port of Long Beach has been represented
23 by Long Beach residents in the State Assembly, the State
24 Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives for the
25 past ten years. This has benefited the State of

1 California greatly as the Port of Long Beach along with
2 the Port of Los Angeles, I might add, has contributed to
3 the State's tax base and is largely responsible for the
4 international trade and economic growth of the State of
5 California.

6 The port is indeed a large part of the
7 economic engine that has helped our state become the
8 sixth largest economy in the world. Speaking to the
9 proposed Congressional District, and that is why I am
10 here today, the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los
11 Angeles will be represented by an Orange County
12 representative.

13 Since the voting base for this new district
14 is primarily situated in Orange County, it's in a two to
15 one, we'll probably be assured that this district will
16 be certainly continued to be represented by an Orange
17 County resident. This district will certainly not have
18 what we are -- what you have heard today and what is
19 commonly known as a community of interest. No common
20 interest whatsoever.

21 We in the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles
22 County certainly in the port areas both in Long Beach
23 and Los Angeles are now faced with a tremendous,
24 tremendous transportation issue and that is the freeway,
25 710, as well as other freeways that are now being

1 impacted by our international trade increase.

2 There has to be and there should be a
3 fairness issue here that there should be a Los Angeles
4 County elected official. I'm not even going to put a D
5 or an R behind the name. We have been very well served
6 by both Republicans and Democrats. What we are dealing
7 with right now is to have a Los Angeles County elected
8 official, not an Orange County representative, so that
9 we can continue to have a community of interest and a
10 common interest.

11 Long Beach is the fifth largest city in
12 California. The Port of Long Beach is one of the
13 busiest in the world. With lines drawn as currently
14 proposed, this would result in Long Beach having no
15 local representative. Speaking as a Long Beach
16 resident, not only as the president of the Long Beach
17 Harbor Commission and a member of the California U.S.
18 World Commission, I would tell you that this is an
19 affront to the constituency of our community and should
20 be totally unacceptable to all of Los Angeles County
21 elected officials.

22 I thank you very much for your consideration
23 this morning, and I ask for a positive request on my
24 deal. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Go ahead,

1 Assemblymember Lowenthal.

2 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LOWENTHAL: Thank you. I just
3 want to strengthen what President Perez has said. If
4 you look at the maps for both the Congressional District
5 and also the State Senate, you see a blatant form of
6 gerrymandering where both ports are a single tiny strip
7 of not more than maybe a few hundred feet wide to
8 connect a peninsula which is 20 miles away to a county
9 which is 30 miles down the road away.

10 And so what you have done is to be able to
11 connect these two end points, you have completely
12 eliminated a harbor district that is the driving engine
13 that really has to deal with transportation issues, that
14 has common interest, that needs to unite, that needs to
15 work together, that has been for the last number of
16 years been working together and without any thought
17 about the political reasons to unite areas that are 30
18 to 40 miles apart with a strip, a narrow tiny strip
19 where there are no people that live.

20 And that's the only reason it was done this
21 way, and that has done tremendous potential harm to the
22 State of California, and because the people that live
23 around there have to have a say in what goes on because
24 this engine has tremendous environmental and social
25 impacts on that community.

1 If they're not all represented by one entity
2 to really deal with these interests and to provide
3 transportation and not to be just a corridor through for
4 someone else, we will destroy the goose that's laid the
5 golden egg, mark my words, we will destroy it. Thank
6 you.

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
8 Assemblymember, and thank you very much as well. We
9 appreciate your taking the time, ma'am, to come here.

10 I believe at this time we will be going to
11 the first scheduled witnesses, and let me just ask is
12 Ms. Feng in the room? We will ask at this time -- in
13 one moment, Ms. Feng, if you can begin getting prepared.
14 I know that Senator Perata has arrived, and Senator
15 Perata, if you would care to perhaps make any comment we
16 had at the beginning of the session, if there are any
17 comments that you or your colleagues wished to add,
18 Senator Polanco, any of the others?

19 Assemblymember Campbell had arrived I believe
20 after we had -- were there any observations you wished
21 to note before we begin? Okay. We will then go ahead
22 with Ms. Feng, and I believe you will introduce some
23 others who will join you.

24 MS. FENG: That's right.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: If you can go ahead

1 and come up to the microphone there, we will appreciate
2 it.

3 MS. FENG: Sorry for the setup delay.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: That's quite all
5 right. We didn't give you much notice there. I am
6 going to in the interest of trying to shorten our entire
7 testimony today ask that everyone provide testimony
8 today in the form of one verse of haiku, 17 syllables.
9 If we can do that for everybody that testifies for the
10 rest of the day, that will be great. Just kidding.
11 Just kidding.

12 MS. FENG: Good morning, Assemblymember and
13 Chairman Longville and Assemblymembers and Senators.
14 Today we are gathered here together. You may see that
15 we have three organizations represented sitting
16 together, and I think it's a momentous occasion for the
17 Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair
18 Redistricting, the African American Redistricting
19 Committee, as well as the Mexican American Legal Defense
20 and Education Fund to be sitting together to present a
21 unity map that you see here today for Northern
22 California. And I would like to introduce as the first
23 speaker Adrian Dove from the African American
24 redistricting committee.

25 MR. DOVE: Thank you very much. It's my

1 pleasure to join with the program with the NAACP
2 presentation, but we wanted all three communities to
3 come together on a very, very brief statement to
4 indicate our coming together. We want to, I don't know
5 if it's complain or thank you for the schedule that you
6 did that brought us -- forced us to work over the
7 weekend and to come in here on a Tuesday morning after
8 the holiday.

9 It did benefit us, all three groups, with
10 some bonding and we were forced on a rapid pace to get
11 together and it forced really some coming together
12 close. We found that we began with the process of not
13 saying what do we feel strongly about in the African
14 American community and the Hispanic community and the
15 Asian community, but rather what do we not feel
16 strongest about and what things can we come to an
17 agreement, because in that way we're able to pull
18 together a good 90 percent of the state. So we come
19 here to talk about that part. We'll be back separately
20 to talk about those areas.

21 We want to particularly commend you for in
22 the 16th District what we call a cosmopolitan district
23 that brings together everybody, and again in Southern
24 California we'll talk about at another time. But we
25 wanted to say that we are more in agreement than in

1 disagreement and we support those aspects. And we
2 wanted to make that statement before we get into those
3 fine points that we wanted to.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
5 Please proceed.

6 MR. VELEZ: Hi, my name is Amadis Velez,
7 A-m-a-d-i-s, V-e-l-e-z. I work at the Mexican American
8 Legal Defense and Educational Fund. I wanted to thank
9 you for allowing us to testify today, but also to raise
10 concerns regarding the short notice for the members of
11 the community to be able to analyze and process and
12 really fully consider the maps that were released.

13 The Assembly map was released first last
14 Wednesday late in the afternoon and then the Senate
15 map -- sorry, the Assembly map was released at 9:00 in
16 the morning, but the next day the Senate map was
17 released late in the afternoon and the Congressional map
18 on Friday right before Labor Day weekend.

19 And truly as a matter of resource, members of
20 the communities such as ourselves had to meet and share
21 resources as much as possible to be able to answer and
22 comment as best as we could with such short notice, and
23 we are requesting that additional public comment be
24 provided as this process continues to unfold in the next
25 two weeks.

1 In particular if changes are made if they
2 could be placed on the web sites of both the Senate
3 Committee and the Assembly Committee and that continued
4 written testimony be accepted throughout the next two
5 weeks, we would be in a much better shape I think. And
6 I also wanted to comment on how wonderful it is that we
7 are able to come to some agreement from different
8 communities in different areas of the state,
9 particularly in the Bay Area where we really have very
10 few differences and many agreements in terms of how to
11 give greater representation to members of all minority
12 groups. And it's been quite an enlightening two weeks,
13 I think actually the past year, so thank you very much.
14 We will be testifying separately about specific areas
15 and concerns shortly afterwards.

16 MS. FENG: I wanted to make sure that our
17 colleagues who have labored through this last weekend
18 over Labor Day weekend had a chance to speak and in
19 particular for the Assembly and the Senate to see that
20 we have been working together producing a statewide map.
21 And what you see today, this is the Northern California
22 portion of the statewide map that represents our unified
23 interests.

24 Let me introduce myself again. My name is
25 Kathay Feng, K-a-t-h-a-y, last name Feng, F-e-n-g. I am

1 an attorney and the project director for the Asian
2 Pacific American Legal Center's Voting Rights and
3 Anti-Discrimination Unit. Our organization, APALC, has
4 been working with the Asian and Pacific Islander
5 American communities in nine different regions
6 throughout California to represent our fast-growing
7 population in the redistricting process. As you know,
8 the statewide network is called the Coalition of Asian
9 Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting or CAPAFR.

10 We are proud to be standing before the
11 Assembly today in coalition with our civil rights
12 partners, who have momentarily left us, MALDEF, the
13 William Valesquez Institute as well as the African
14 American Redistricting Committee. We have come together
15 on the principle that each of our communities has the
16 right to full political representation in accord with
17 the Voting Rights Act. At the same time we are united
18 in saying that no community should gain at the expense
19 of another.

20 With California's population now so diverse
21 that no one group is the majority, we have committed
22 ourselves to shaping a redistricting process that truly
23 reflects the potential of our diversity.

24 We have been before the Assembly Committee as
25 well as the Senate Committee many times to present the

1 interests of the Asian Pacific American communities.
2 Those interests were centered on the proposed changes in
3 Sacramento, San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, Los
4 Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties that would unite
5 APA communities that had been split or diluted in the
6 Assembly's current configuration.

7 In August, we presented to you a statewide
8 Assembly map proposal that reflected the community
9 interests. This proposal if adopted would have made a
10 tremendous difference in helping the Asian Pacific
11 American community realize its full political potential.
12 As you know, our community is currently 13 percent of
13 the State's population. We are the fastest-growing
14 population in this state, yet there are only four
15 representatives of API descent elected to the entire
16 state legislature of 120 representatives.

17 CAPAFR proposed to increase the number of
18 Assembly Districts with sizeable populations of 30
19 percent or more Asian Pacific Americans from three to
20 four districts, specifically the 12th, the 20th, the
21 22nd and the 49th. We proposed the configuration of
22 another seven districts with over 20 percent,
23 specifically the 13th, the 60th, the 23rd, the 68th, the
24 19th, the 72nd and the 18th.

25 In several areas CAPAFR also identified

1 communities that were divided by Assembly lines, where
2 we urged unification. Those districts are the 9th, the
3 16th, the 45th, the 46th, the 53rd, the 76th and 79th.
4 These districts and changes while small in number would
5 have made an enormous impact in ensuring the full
6 enfranchisement of our communities.

7 Like the Los Angeles Latino community in the
8 Garza case of the 1980s, the Asian Pacific American
9 communities have suffered a disenfranchisement and lack
10 of political representation as a result of past
11 redistricting fracturing. We presented the CAPAFR
12 statewide Assembly map proposal in order to ensure that
13 our communities would not suffer the same fate in this
14 next decade.

15 The Assembly has now released its proposal
16 for redistricting in the 80 California Assembly seats,
17 and I will be speaking to that specifically because
18 CAPAFR directed its attention and efforts towards
19 building an Assembly map and only an Assembly map. By
20 releasing it over the Labor Day weekend, you have given
21 all of us new appreciation of the meaning of Labor Day.

22 We have taken the whole weekend to analyze
23 this proposal and use it as a starting point to propose
24 measured but critical changes to adequately reflect our
25 communities' voice in electoral politics. Again, I

1 point out, that these changes that we will be talking
2 about today represent the collective interests of the
3 Latino, African American, and Asian Pacific American
4 communities.

5 On behalf of CAPAFR, Dan Ichinose who is
6 sitting to my right will be presenting today each of the
7 changes we are proposing. Specifically he will discuss
8 the changes between the 12th and the 13th as well as
9 between the 23rd and the 28th. It is important to
10 stress that these proposed changes to the assembly's
11 redistricting proposal represent a compromise, and I
12 repeat, a compromise of the priorities that were
13 originally articulated by CAPAFR.

14 Thus in Sacramento, CAPAFR presented a
15 proposal that would have enhanced our representation in
16 the 9th Assembly District to almost 20 percent. The
17 Assembly's proposal does what no one thought was
18 possible. It actually diluted our representation in all
19 four of the Sacramento Assembly Districts, the 5th, the
20 8th, the 9th, the 10th.

21 While this dilution is a bitter pill for us
22 to swallow, we accept this in good faith that in the
23 coming two weeks as the political deals are made to
24 change the Assembly's proposal that our community will
25 not be further eroded as part of the bargain, and we ask

1 specifically that the communities that are currently in
2 the 9th District and the 10th District not be traded
3 away as part of bargaining chips as communities are
4 adjusted to reflect legislature's interest.

5 Similarly in the 20th Assembly District where
6 our community representation was at 41 percent of the
7 current configuration, the Assembly's proposed dilution
8 of our community representation to 37 percent was a
9 phenomenal shock to our communities. We had advocated
10 keeping the area of Berryessa in the 20th district as a
11 community with many shared interests and characteristics
12 with Milpitas and the rest of the 20th. Unfortunately
13 the configuration of the Assembly District cuts
14 Berryessa out and puts it into the 23rd.

15 Again in the next two weeks we urge you not
16 to dilute our voice any further in the 20th District.
17 We accept these compromises in good faith that the
18 Assembly will take the changes we are proposing all the
19 more seriously.

20 Before I turn to Dan Ichinose I did want to
21 commend the Assembly and the Senate in its redistricting
22 in two areas in particular. The Assembly's proposed
23 District 22 makes whole and brings together the cities
24 of Cupertino, Mountain View, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale.
25 As we testified before these four cities share a common

1 hi-tech economic base, have a multitude of shared
2 interests and have experienced tremendous Asian Pacific
3 American population growth.

4 The configuration of the proposed 22nd makes
5 good common sense and will have a very positive
6 influence on our communities' ability to elect
7 representatives of their choice. I should mention that
8 it has already been widely lauded in our ethnic
9 newspapers as well as amongst community leaders, and
10 there is a great amount of thanks and appreciation to
11 the Assembly for listening to our interests with regard
12 to that district.

13 We also want to commend the Assembly for
14 following CAPAFR's and MALDEF's proposal to bring North
15 Oakland into the 16th Assembly District, thus uniting a
16 previously split African American community. This
17 district and our advocacy around it represents the best
18 possible outcome. Oakland already the most diverse in
19 North California served as a focal point of cooperation
20 between our three communities to create a win-win
21 outcome for all.

22 We urge the Assembly to take heed of the
23 changes that we are going to propose today to the
24 Assembly's proposed maps. They are not only legal and
25 feasible, they are the right thing to do. I now want to

1 turn the mike over to Dan Ichinose and then following
2 him very quickly testimony from our Sacramento
3 representative.

4 MR. ICHINOSE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
5 members of the committee. My name is Daniel Ichinose,
6 last names is spelled, I-c-h-i-n-o-s-e, and I'm Research
7 Coordinator in the Voting Rights and Anti-Discrimination
8 Unit at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of
9 Southern California.

10 I would like to present proposed changes to
11 the Assembly's preliminary lines in Northern California.
12 Again, it's important to note that CAPAFR, MALDEF, the
13 William C. Velasquez Institute and the African American
14 Redistricting Committee stand united in supporting these
15 changes.

16 On May 18th of this year, CAPAFR testified
17 before this committee to the importance of several
18 communities of interest in San Diego -- I'm sorry, San
19 Francisco. Specifically, our testimony noted how these
20 communities of interest create similarities between the
21 areas of Excelsior/Visitacion Valley and neighborhoods
22 currently in the 13th Assembly District.

23 Data on per capita income demonstrated that
24 Excelsior/Visitacion Valley shared low income levels
25 with the neighborhoods of South of Market, Mission,

1 Bayview and Hunter's Point. Data from the San Francisco
2 Police Department showed that Excelsior and Visitacion
3 Valley are similar to Tenderloin, Portrero Hill, Bayview
4 and Hunter's Point in the likelihood of violent crime
5 occurring there.

6 Many Asian Pacific Americans live in the 12th
7 Assembly District. However, those in Excelsior and

8 Visitacion Valley have more in common with the residents
9 Asian and non-Asian in the 13th Assembly District, and
10 their needs will be better served in that district.

11 Therefore, we propose uniting communities of
12 interest by moving the areas of Excelsior and Visitacion
13 Valley into the 13th Assembly District. This is going
14 to be a little bit tedious here, but bear with me. We
15 believe that the district boundary that best does this
16 begins where the eastern boundary of the Presidio meets
17 the ocean. It proceeds north to Lombard Street, where
18 it moves east.

19 At Filmore Street it heads south until Geary
20 Boulevard, where it turns west. Our proposed district
21 line turns south on Scott Street and east on Fulton
22 Street, until it rejoins Filmore heading south. After
23 making a slight detour east on DuBoce Avenue and south
24 on Church Street it proceeds southeast on Market Street
25 around the Castro District until Market turns into

1 Portola Drive.

2 It follows Portola Drive south to Clipper
3 Street, then east to Diamond Heights Boulevard. The
4 line moves south on Diamond Heights Boulevard around Noe
5 Valley, Diamond Heights and Glen Park until Addison
6 Street where it winds south on numerous streets. It
7 heads east on Interstate 280 until Mission Street, where
8 it proceeds south around the western part of Excelsior.

9 After heading east on Amazon Avenue, south on
10 Madrid, northwest on Rolph Street, south on Newton
11 Street, and southwest on Brunswick Street, the proposed
12 line reaches the San Francisco City and County limits.
13 South of San Francisco, we support the Assembly's
14 proposal for the 12th Assembly District, which includes
15 parts of Daly City and Coloma.

16 As subsequent testimony will attest to, our
17 proposed changes to your preliminary lines for the 12th
18 and 13th Assembly District would also unite Latino
19 communities along Mission Street and respect the
20 integrity of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender
21 communities in Diamond Heights and Glen Park.

22 In Santa Clara County, CAPAFR testified to
23 how income, employment, commerce and transportation
24 patterns define the area of Evergreen in San Jose.
25 Evergreen shares these communities of interest with

1 other urban areas to its north and west. The Assembly's
2 preliminary lines divide both these communities of
3 interest and the area of Evergreen as defined by the
4 City of San Jose planning department.

5 As a remedy we propose uniting the area of
6 Evergreen in the 23rd Assembly District and moving the
7 majority of East Foothills, the areas of the Assembly's
8 preliminary district east of the San Jose city limits
9 and any part of the Silver Creek neighborhood of San
10 Jose from the 23rd Assembly District to the 28th
11 Assembly District. To unite Evergreen we ask that you
12 extend the south eastern boundary of your proposed 23rd
13 Assembly District along the San Jose city limits from
14 Aborn Road to Yerba Buena Road.

15 Our proposed district line proceeds west on
16 Yerba Buena from the San Jose city limits until it
17 reaches the Silver Creek area. There it moves north
18 around Silver Creek, rejoins Yerba Buena Road and heads
19 west on Yerba Buena until Highway 101.

20 Again, subsequent testimony will attest to
21 the ways in which the 23rd Assembly District configured
22 with these minor changes. Also respects the integrity
23 of the Latino community.

24 We appreciate the time and effort the
25 community has put into this challenging process and are

1 pleased to see that your proposals for the 16th and 22nd
2 Assembly Districts accommodate communities of interest
3 of critical importance to the Asian and Pacific Islander
4 Americans. We ask that in addition to adopting your
5 proposals for the 16th and 22nd Assembly Districts in a
6 final map, you adopt the minor changes to the 12th,
7 13th, 23rd and 28th Assembly Districts I've articulated
8 here.

9 As speakers during the public comment period
10 will attest to, these changes will allow our community
11 better representation and a stronger voice on issues
12 that impact us all. Thank you for hearing our comments
13 about the Assembly proposal for Northern California, and
14 we look forward to speaking with you tomorrow.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
16 Before I continue I have a question from Assemblymember
17 Firebaugh.

18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Thank you,
19 Mr. Chairman. Sir, have you see an August 31st letter
20 from supervisor from San Francisco articulating a
21 concern with the Assembly's proposed map for the 12th
22 and 13th Assembly District.

23 MR. ICHINOSE: I have not.

24 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Let me just read
25 to you it in part. The plan, meaning the Assembly's

1 proposed plan, divides San Francisco's Latino community
2 by putting half of it, the Mission District, in the 13th
3 Assembly District and the other half, the outer Mission
4 and Excelsior, in the 12th Assembly District. By
5 splitting the Mission corridor into two districts, the
6 political influence of Latinos in San Francisco will be
7 significantly diluted.

8 In your proposed reconfiguration the one that
9 you've just articulated this morning, is it responsive
10 to that concern?

11 MR. ICHINOSE: Yes, it is. It moves the
12 entire Excelsior and Visitation Valley into the 13th,
13 uniting it with that Latino community along Mission.

14 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: So Visitation
15 Valley is the outer Mission; is that accurate?

16 MR. ICHINOSE: Visitation Valley is southeast
17 of the Excelsior area along the border of San Francisco.

18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Having spent a
19 little bit of time in San Francisco I still can't tell
20 you what the outer Mission is. Can you describe it to
21 me geographically, I mean generally what streets.

22 MR. ICHINOSE: I'm not sure what areas --.

23 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: But you're sure,
24 you're convinced that your proposed modification will be
25 responsive to this issue?

1 MR. ICHINOSE: Our proposal brings the
2 Excelsior area east -- I can give you exact streets if
3 you would like, but brings the area of Excelsior east of
4 the 280 freeway, roughly east of the 280 freeway, and
5 the Visitation Valley area into the 13th District.

6 MS. FENG: Perhaps I could also add to that
7 that in coming up with a proposal that we did we had a
8 lot of community activists and organizers who work in
9 the Chinatown area and who also organize in Visitation
10 Valley and Excelsior, and this was an issue that was
11 raised by them that these two communities are really
12 very connected, they ought to stay in the 13th.

13 And then more importantly that they work side
14 by side with a lot of Latino community organizers and
15 service providers from the Mission District as well as
16 Excelsior and Visitation Valley who they felt aligned an
17 interest around calling for the same configuration. So
18 from the community perspective we feel fairly assured
19 that this would address the concerns that you just
20 raised that were raised at a previous Assembly hearing.

21 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: I would be pleased
22 to also give you a copy of the letter that was sent to
23 us. Thank you for that. Let me ask you a second
24 question.

25 I have seen proposed maps that link Chinatown

1 over and across in the 12th, and I've seen the numbers,
2 API voter numbers as a result of that linkage is greatly
3 enhanced and would offer it seems to me the maximum
4 opportunity for API voters to elect the candidate of
5 their choice. Now, you chose not to do that in this
6 map. Can you tell me why?

7 MR. ICHINOSE: Based on the communities of
8 interest arguments that are articulated. The areas of
9 Chinatown and Excelsior/Vis Valley share a common
10 interest with respect -- share common income levels and
11 share common concerns with crime, and the regional group
12 that we've organized felt that it was important to
13 consolidate those communities of interest in the 13th
14 District. So while they are -- both communities are
15 API, just because a community's API doesn't mean
16 necessarily it shares the same interest.

17 MS. FENG: I will add another nuance to that
18 which I have shared with Assemblymember Firebaugh
19 before. The Chinatown community is made up of largely
20 low income rent based tenants. They are people who are
21 very concerned with a lot of issues such as provision of
22 services in language, provision of social services to
23 people who tend to be very low income.

24 The Richmond Sunset area is an area that is
25 an extremely high income and it tends to be the people

1 who own the property that is being rented to the
2 Chinatown residents. And there has been a fairly long
3 history of tension between those two neighborhoods
4 because one is the landowner and one is the tenant.

5 And as a result both from the community
6 perspective as well as from the community of interest
7 demographic analysis we concluded that it was important
8 to draw a 12th District and a 13th District that would
9 reflect the actual interests and natural affiliations of
10 those communities as opposed to just looking at race as
11 a way of identifying similarities.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
13 We appreciate it, and I had a question from Senator
14 Ortiz as well.

15 SENATOR ORTIZ: Yes, thank you for your
16 presentation. I wanted hopefully to get a little better
17 understanding of the concerns that were raised regarding
18 the 9th. And your statement here addresses a dilution
19 of Asian Pacific American population in all four
20 districts, the 5th, the 8th, the 9th, the 10th.

21 And then you go on to say urge you to
22 restrain from trading away our communities especially
23 along the southern borders of Districts 9 and 10 and
24 thereby further dilute representation, don't use Florin
25 Parkway, South Laguna, Elk Grove, Rosemont or La Riviera

1 as trading cards in exchange for political deals.

2 Can you clarify what your proposal -- what
3 you had proposed, because I don't believe your
4 statement's accompanied by a map of the Sacramento area,
5 so I'm a little confused on what your recommendation
6 would be to address the concern raised here.

7 MS. FENG: We are not attaching a proposal.
8 We did originally present a proposal for the August 15th
9 deadline that would have drawn South Sacramento into a
10 single district.

11 SENATOR ORTIZ: How do you define South
12 Sacramento first?

13 MS. FENG: I'll let the Sacramento resident
14 and expert speak on this.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And thank you very
16 much, I wanted to note we were -- we hadn't forgotten
17 about you, Ms. Yu. We were going to be recognizing you
18 in a moment. I had just a couple of questions from
19 members, but at this time if you would like to go ahead
20 and address the question, we appreciate your being here.

21 MS. YU: Thank you. South Sacramento is
22 actually the original proposal we put through on August
23 15th, kind of divided the -- we considered South
24 Sacramento along the river, the American River.

25 SENATOR ORTIZ: From the American River down

1 to the Sacramento County boundary?

2 MS. YU: Yes.

3 SENATOR ORTIZ: Which includes North

4 Sacramento --

5 MS. YU: I don't have all my notes here --

6 SENATOR ORTIZ: It's a pretty broad

7 characterization of South Sacramento, south of the

8 American River.

9 MS. YU: Basically we were trying to focus

10 south of downtown all the way down to the border. We

11 were trying to link -- we were going east-west because

12 we wanted to include Rosemont, La Riviera because of the

13 API population that is growing there as well and so --

14 SENATOR ORTIZ: Significant Korean in the

15 Rosemont area versus Filipino, Japanese, Chinese in

16 pockets of Elk Grove.

17 MS. YU: Exactly. We weren't trying to make

18 a focus on trying to create a API district. We weren't

19 trying to do that. We were trying to make it equitable

20 in terms of geographic concerns, community of interest,

21 social service delivery, educational concerns and

22 transportation was another issue that was very much a

23 concern in that area.

24 And so we wanted to propose that; however,

25 based on the assembly's proposed line, it kind of like

1 threw our presentation out. But we were okay with much
2 of it except for the fact that we felt that we could
3 live with having some of our API strength diluted
4 because we feel that we're growing and as we gain more
5 political astuteness we'll probably have representation.
6 So basically we wanted to be able to enhance that by not
7 diluting it further.

8 SENATOR ORTIZ: And that would be somewhat
9 different than what is proposed by the Assembly map is
10 what I hear.

11 MS. YU: Basically our concern was currently
12 Parkway and Florin is part of the ninth and tenth
13 borders. We just didn't want to see them disappear out
14 of the ninth and tenth as you currently have it, we just
15 didn't want to see them disappear.

16 SENATOR ORTIZ: Well, they're both in the
17 ninth and tenth. You're suggesting you wanted them in
18 one Assembly District?

19 MS. YU: No, we can live with where it is
20 right now. It's just that in case there's some tweaking
21 along the borders, we didn't want to see that further
22 tweaked to the point where we are no longer having any
23 kind of let's say political strength.

24 SENATOR ORTIZ: So other than the Rosemont
25 cluster which is significant Korean American, your

1 concern is south -- it sounds like your concern is
2 really south of Broadway which is Landpark, pocket
3 Greenhaven, Elk Grove, Laguna.

4 MS. YU: Yes, and that includes the Filipino
5 community, the growing East Asian communities and the
6 Korean community.

7 SENATOR ORTIZ: Thank you, I appreciate that
8 clarification.

9 MS. YU: Sure.

10 MS. FENG: If the Senator would like, we can
11 provide our plan that we had presented on August 15th
12 that sort of probably visually better explains what we
13 were trying to achieve. And for the record what we want
14 to make sure of is that in the next two weeks those
15 changes are made possibly to the Assembly's proposed
16 Assembly maps, that what communities are currently
17 located in the ninth and the tenth are not switched out
18 to some of the districts of the south, for instance,
19 which are largely rural and would have very few
20 interests with communities such as Laguna, Elk Grove or
21 Rosemont, La Riviera, Park South and so on and so forth.

22 SENATOR ORTIZ: It would be helpful if I
23 could see those. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
25 Was there any additional testimony that you had to

1 offer? I know we interrupted you with some questions
2 there, please proceed.

3 MS. FENG: Well, Ms. Judy Heary was going to
4 present her testimony on Sacramento. We've put the cart
5 before the horse, but perhaps it would still be
6 important to enter it into the record.

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: If you wish, we also
8 would note -- I believe your testimony is in writing. I
9 think we probably have hit a lot of the highlights
10 through the course of the interaction. If it would
11 be -- I certainly don't want to cut you off, but if it
12 would be acceptable we could take the written testimony
13 and put that in the record.

14 MS. FENG: That's fine.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And does that
16 conclude this particular --

17 MS. FENG: That does conclude this portion of
18 the testimony. In the afternoon there will be many
19 community members at the various satellite sites who
20 will be providing supporting testimony providing the
21 particular local and community of interest perspectives
22 that they have in support of the map that we're now
23 proposing.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
25 and I want to note regardless of what the eventual final

1 results may be that the work that you've just done over
2 this last weekend, excuse me, the work that you've just
3 done over the weekend is invaluable and we certainly are
4 going to study it very, very carefully and appreciate
5 very much the effort you made to particularly to try and
6 develop some compromises amongst various interest
7 groups. I greatly appreciate the effort that you went
8 to. It's invaluable to us.

9 MS. FENG: Thank you, Chairman Longville, and
10 thank you Senators and Assemblypersons gathered here
11 today.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you again. At
13 this time I believe we are going to hear from
14 representative or a group of representatives from the --
15 from MALDEF, Mexican American Legal Defense and
16 Educational Fund, I believe -- excuse me, Foundation.
17 You can tell I'm on all those mailing lists because it
18 just automatically comes out and that's where I'm always
19 getting mailings from is "fund" rather than
20 "foundation." Okay.

21 MR. VELEZ: If you give us a moment to set up
22 the projector.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: While you're doing
24 that let me note that the earlier addresses have been
25 given out, I believe we gave out the address for mailing

1 information overnight mail to the Assembly. Let me note
2 you can do the same thing by overnight mail if you have
3 comments on the Congressional or Senate boundary line,
4 folks. The ideal place to send that would be to the
5 Senate Committee on Elections and Reapportionment, Room
6 5046, State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814.

7 They also have e-mail addresses if you have
8 comments on the Senate or Congressional lines. Again,
9 we would suggest you send them to the Senate e-mail. We
10 will both share these between the houses, but if you can
11 direct them for the quickest receipt to the Senate
12 address which is care of the chief consultant. So this
13 is -- I'm going to spell it out -- it's Darren Chesin,
14 spelled d-a-r-r-e-n dot c-h-e-s-i-n, that's
15 darren.chesin@sen.ca.gov, and the Assembly address is
16 actually I think john.longville, my name, at asm.ca.gov.

17 Also if you have comments on the Board of
18 Equalization lines, direct those to the Assembly. We'll
19 both deal with them and that will probably be the
20 quickest way. And for those who are not aware of them,
21 the lines proposed for the Board of Equalization are now
22 on the Assembly website. I think they went there
23 yesterday. Those being the ones we anticipated the
24 least, the least complications with I think were the
25 last ones done, and with that let me ask if MALDEF IS

1 close to being set up?

2 MR. VELEZ: We're just focusing the screen
3 and we'll be ready to go.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. Let me also
5 note that the e-mail obviously is going to give you a
6 quicker turnaround here. We really would appreciate as
7 we're going through this if people have comments that
8 have already been made, if you can just briefly refer to
9 them rather than repeating comments that have been made
10 by other people. We want to make sure we get in every
11 possible substantive suggestion people have for specific
12 changes they think might be made before the end of our
13 hearings. And with that it looks like our
14 representatives from MALDEF are about ready to begin.
15 Thank you very much. You have the microphone.

16 MR. VELEZ: Thank you, Chairman Longville,
17 Chairman Perata and members of the committee. We will
18 today be discussing the extensive analysis that we've
19 done in the few days that we had when the plans were
20 released or proposal was released earlier last or late
21 last week. First I wanted to mention some of the
22 outreach that went in behind the maps that we proposed
23 and some of the changes we're proposing today because
24 that has really been the basis of all the work that we
25 do.

1 We visited over 35 communities throughout
2 California starting in City of Calexico. Starting
3 earlier this year we've done briefings with the
4 community. We've shown them the technology. We've
5 shown them Mapitude, which is the program that people
6 use. We taught them the law to the extent that it
7 interacts with redistricting. We have shown them how
8 they can have an impact in their own community not just
9 at the Assembly and Senate level and Congressional level
10 but also at Supervisor level and the City Council level.
11 And people have really become more empowered by learning
12 about this process.

13 So the work we are today presenting is one
14 that is based upon extensive, extensive outreach, much
15 like what APALC has done in their community, MALDEF has
16 done in the Latino community. And I would also like to
17 note that this is not exclusive of the Latino community.
18 Members of the entire public were always welcome to our
19 meetings, and in fact people of all nationalities and
20 ethnicities were present there. And also they are
21 bipartisan meetings or I should say nonpartisan meetings
22 as MALDEF is a nonpartisan organization.

23 Today we will be addressing the plans and
24 some of the shortcomings in the plans and some of the
25 areas of the map that we think provide a greater

1 opportunity for the Latino community to participate in
2 political process in areas where Latino community can no
3 longer participate in the political process.

4 Addressing these issues and doing an analysis
5 of the Voting Rights Act will be the MALDEF senior
6 litigator and redistricting coordinator, national
7 redistricting coordinator Denise Hulett. Before she
8 does her analysis I would like to mention something
9 about the growth in the Latino community in the state as
10 a whole.

11 Had it not been for the growth in the Latino
12 community there would be no 53rd Congressional seat in
13 California today. 80 percent of the new residents of
14 this state are Latino, and we expected that the
15 Congressional Districts, maps, Assembly District maps
16 and the Senate District maps would understand the
17 seemingly simple fact. Greater population would
18 seemingly mean greater representation in our community.

19 Particurly when the community is compact,
20 cohesive, share all sorts of communities of interest in
21 terms of educational level, housing issues, income
22 issues with police and law enforcement and unfortunately
23 some of the growth or much of the growth in the Latino
24 community has not been reflected, particularly in the
25 areas of the Los Angeles County.

1 In Los Angeles County the Latino population
2 grew by over 800,000 people, close to a million people.
3 That equates to one Senate District which MALDEF asked
4 for. That equates to one and a half Congressional
5 Districts which MALDEF asked for, and that equates to
6 two new Assembly Districts which MALDEF asked for in our
7 proposal. And when I say MALDEF I don't mean just the
8 organization. I mean the entire community that we work
9 on behalf of.

10 At the same time, the Anglo population in Los
11 Angeles County decreased by over 600,000 people which is
12 close to three-quarters of a Congressional Senate
13 District. It's one entire Congressional District and
14 it's one and a half Assembly Districts.

15 So we believe that the growth in the Latino
16 community in Los Angeles County in particular has not
17 been reflected in the proposed plans, and we offer ways
18 of remedying this injustice. And to talk about the
19 potential -- to talk about the issues of the Voting
20 Rights Act and failure to draw these districts will be
21 our natural redistricting coordinator, Denise Hulett.

22 MS. HULETT: Good morning, Chairman Longville
23 and members of the committee. My name is Denise Hulett,
24 H-u-l-e-t-t. I am MALDEF's national redistricting
25 coordinator. And I'm here today to talk about some of

1 the legal issues that we think are presented by the maps
2 that came from the legislature last week.

3 I thank you for the opportunity to do that.
4 I will not be able to be here tomorrow because I have
5 to -- we're already embroiled in litigation in Texas.
6 It's going to trial in a week and I have to do some
7 depositions tomorrow, so I wanted to make that clear
8 that although Mr. Velez will be here tomorrow to address
9 any concerns you might have, I ask as many legal
10 questions as possible if you can direct them today and I
11 would be happy to answer them.

12 We've submitted before written testimony and
13 some additional written testimony today. We've
14 submitted with our maps lots of legal analysis of
15 Section 2 and Section 5 and redistricting cases that
16 have come down in the last decade and I'm not going to
17 repeat those today. But I will say that our top
18 priority of course is enforcement of the Voting Rights
19 Act. So when we got your proposals last week, the main
20 thrust of our examination was to look to see whether the
21 Latino vote was diluted in those plans, and we've come
22 to the conclusion that it was diluted primarily in Los
23 Angeles County in all three plans.

24 And diluted to the extent that the plans are
25 violative of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and at

1 least in case of one Congressional District may also be
2 violative to the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

3 Now, the question of whether or not the
4 districts comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
5 is important to you for two reasons; one, because of
6 your duty to comply with that Act, but also because
7 should the plans that do ultimately pass face a
8 so-called reverse discrimination challenge.

9 Everything that you considered including the
10 legal requirements under the Section 2 Voting Rights
11 Act, is going to be relevant in that kind of litigation.
12 And even in that kind of so-called reverse
13 discrimination litigation if a court were to find that
14 one or more of your minority districts were drawn
15 primarily on the basis of race, your desire to comply
16 with section 2 fully justifies the drawing of those
17 districts.

18 So that's why we're going to go into a little
19 detail about Section 2, how we view it and what it means
20 in the context of this map.

21 First of all it means describing what a
22 Section 2 district is. In the Ninth Circuit, a
23 Section 2 district which complies with the so-called
24 first prong of jingles, which asks the question whether
25 minorities can constitute a majority in a single member

1 district, of course the question is a majority of what,
2 the majority of the population, the majority of the
3 18-year-olds and over, the majority of the eligible
4 voters including citizens.

5 In the Ninth Circuit the legal standard for
6 prong one of Section 2 analysis is what we call CVAP,
7 Citizen Voting Age Population. That is, can Latinos
8 constitute the majority of the sitting voting age
9 citizens in a district. We don't have citizenship data,
10 so what do we would do?

11 What we have done when we have looked at it,
12 because the citizenship data won't come out and you
13 won't be able to look at it, we look at a combination of
14 voting age population because obviously that's going to
15 tell us a lot about what the eligible voting population
16 is in the district and electoral history. And we also
17 this time around as is reflected in a report that we
18 submitted to you by Dr. Morgan Kousser, we looked at the
19 effect of the partisan balance in a district, together
20 with the extent to which Latinos may constitute a
21 plurality within the Democratic party to determine
22 whether indeed we have a Section 2 effective district.

23 Now, using that formula, and that's sort of a
24 broad statement about how we came to our formula, but we
25 have determined that our proposal to you contained 14

1 Assembly District, Section 2 -- Assembly District 8,
2 Section 2 Senate Districts and nine Section 2
3 Congressional Districts.

4 In addition, a Section 2 analysis requires
5 that you look to see whether voting is racially
6 polarized, and that means do people vote cohesively as
7 Latinos, cohesively as non-Latinos, cohesively as
8 African Americans when they enter the voting booth. And
9 it's because racial polarization interacts with the way
10 that lines are drawn to deprive people of its equal
11 opportunity to elect.

12 We've looked at -- Dr. Morgan Kousser looked
13 at electoral history to see whether we have become as
14 voters in California and in Los Angeles County more
15 so-called color blind when we entered the voting booth,
16 and we concluded that we absolutely have not,
17 unfortunately.

18 In addition, our consultant Dr. Claudine Gay
19 did an analysis, a regression analysis of voter
20 polarization much like an analysis that would need to be
21 done if you were in court and concluded that. And I
22 want to focus in Los Angeles County that Latinos vote
23 very cohesively in Los Angeles County, whether it's on
24 Assembly District, Senate District, Congressional
25 Districts or statewide propositions, statewide offices

1 that Latinos vote very -- and that Latinos and Anglos
2 vote very differently in Los Angeles County.

3 And we think that the evidence is there to
4 support a finding of continued and marked racial
5 polarization in Los Angeles County. Now, putting that
6 together with the final piece that you need to look at
7 for Section 2, the final piece is what is known as the
8 Senate factors, and those are factors -- we've set all
9 this out in detail in our reports -- but those are the
10 factors that look at whether there is historical
11 discrimination in the area, whether in voting and in any
12 other area, education, health, employment.

13 Those Senate factors look at whether there
14 have been racial appeals in campaigns. They look to the
15 extent to which Latinos have been elected, and that's
16 because the inquiry in a voting rights case is whether
17 those historical conditions, whether or not they remain
18 today, but do those historical conditions interact with
19 the district lines as they are drawn to produce vote
20 dilution.

21 Did the historical -- the discrimination lead
22 to socioeconomic differences which then lead to
23 decreased participation and decreased effectiveness. So
24 we have put in evidence previously on all of those
25 Senate factors on racial polarization and on our

1 analysis of what the Section 2 districts are.

2 And at this point I'm going to turn the
3 microphone back to Mr. Velez in a moment, but overall in
4 the Congressional plan, one additional Congressional
5 District was drawn in that plan with the same hand, the
6 legislative proposal takes away another Section 2,
7 District 26. In a way that cuts the heart out of that
8 district, out of the San Fernando Valley, and we believe
9 results in fracturing the vote there.

10 In the Assembly plan, and Mr. Velez will also
11 address what we have, our responses to that and our
12 responses to the Congressional District 49 and 50 in
13 Southern California.

14 With regard to the Assembly plan there are
15 two legally protectible Section 2 districts in Los
16 Angeles County that were not included in this map that
17 need to be. With the Senate there's an additional
18 Senate District in the county.

19 What we did is we tried to, rather than just
20 come back in here and say you need to adopt our maps, we
21 tried to work with what you had, work with what the
22 concerns and whatever the motives were that drove the
23 legislative proposals that we had looked at, and where
24 it was possible to do so over a short period of time
25 suggest modifications to you that would address some of

1 our concerns. And that's true with regard to the
2 Congressional plan in particular.

3 With other plans we must stand by,
4 particularly Assembly plans, stand by the configuration
5 that we drew in Los Angeles County because we believe
6 any less and certainly the ones that you've proposed
7 would be a direct violation of Section 2.

8 I thank you for listening to that short
9 overview and respectfully refer you to more lengthy
10 explanations we have and legal analysis that we have and
11 our expert consultant reports that we have put in in our
12 August 15th submissions and our July submissions as well
13 as the testimony I put in today that contains some
14 additional polarization results.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
16 I believe we have a question from Senator Polanco.

17 SENATOR POLANCO: Yes, would you please for
18 the record state the identified Section 2 violations
19 starting with Congressional, Senate and Assembly as
20 presented?

21 MS. HULETT: I think I'll defer to Mr. Velez
22 but in terms of Section 2 the districts that we believe
23 are vulnerable to challenge are Congressional District
24 26, the configuration around Congressional Districts 49
25 and 50 because a Section 2 district emerges there.

1 Senate District 27. Los Angeles Assembly District 56
2 and the failure to create what we termed in our Assembly
3 plan district -- Assembly District 36.

4 SENATOR POLANCO: Now, in your testimony you
5 reference 49 and in the Assembly Districts 49 and 50, I
6 think it was.

7 MS. HULETT: No, the Congressional District
8 49 and 50 --

9 SENATOR POLANCO: No, Assembly District.
10 Assembly District, not Congressional --

11 MS. HULETT: Assembly District 56 and the
12 failure to create the District 36 as it appears in our
13 plan.

14 SENATOR POLANCO: And what was MALDEF's
15 analysis on the 49th with regards to the issue?

16 MS. HULETT: Assembly District 49?

17 SENATOR POLANCO: Assembly District 49.

18 MS. HULETT: At this point I think Mr. Velez
19 can start with that. We have prepared proposals and are
20 prepared to talk about all the Assembly Districts in Los
21 Angeles and that one in particular.

22 MR. VELEZ: In Assembly District 49 our
23 analysis shows that the Latino population in that
24 district has been diminishing particular in four
25 particular cities which are Rosemead, San Gabriel and

1 Monterey Park and the City of Alhambra has had very,
2 very little growth in the Latino community in population
3 as opposed to the city -- the Asian American population.

4 What we feel is that the Latino community
5 deserves and is entitled to a new additional district in
6 Los Angeles County that will be an area of high growth,
7 and this area is where we have placed the Assembly
8 District 36. It's in the cities of Whittier, in Los
9 Nietos, South Whittier, Norwalk. These are all areas
10 that are undeniably -- La Mirada, La Habra.

11 These are cities that undeniably have grown
12 tremendously in the Latino community, as have areas in
13 our proposal for Assembly District 56 which has the
14 cities of South Gate and Downey and Paramount -- not
15 Paramount, Bellflower. These southeast cities, gateway
16 cities can accommodate two Congressional Districts that
17 give the Latino community there a greater voice, and
18 that's what we have proposed in our plans.

19 Now, to do so would inconvenience perhaps an
20 incumbent somewhere else in the state who would be
21 turned down which is Assembly District 36. Within L.A.
22 County it would not jeopardize the structure of the rest
23 of the map or the state.

24 We feel that this is a district required by
25 Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. It's one that gives

1 the greater voice to the Latino community and it's an
2 area most importantly of Latino growth. More Latinos
3 are moving to all these cities and the southeast cities
4 of Los Angeles County and less Latinos are moving to
5 some core cities in the San Gabriel Valley of Temple
6 City, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Monterey Park, Alhambra.
7 They simply cannot afford to live in these areas like
8 they once could. So that is why we have decided to give
9 greater voice to Latino community in the southeast
10 cities.

11 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Senator Polanco, you
12 want to finish and then Assemblymember Firebaugh, I
13 believe. I haven't seen anyone else indicate they had a
14 question.

15 SENATOR POLANCO: If I were to read your
16 testimony, page 3, on the issue of voter dilution, why
17 would that not apply to your proposed Assembly maps with
18 regard to the 49th when in effect you're taking it by 16
19 points on registration down?

20 MR. VELEZ: I'm going to have Denise Hulett
21 respond to that from a Section 2 standpoint.

22 MS. HULETT: You're talking about a reduction
23 in that district of Latino voting strength?

24 SENATOR POLANCO: Yes.

25 MS. HULETT: The reduction in voting strength

1 in any particular district only is unlawful under
2 Section 2. When it deprives a community of an
3 opportunity to elect in a district, that's when it does.
4 So for instance, if you fracture a community that could
5 otherwise constitute a majority in a district that is
6 able to sustain the district that would be able to carry
7 the district, that's a violation of Section 2.

8 If you pack a community into a district and
9 overpack a district with minority members, it's not in
10 and of itself any more than a packed Anglo district;
11 it's not in and of itself illegal. It's illegal when it
12 deprives a community of a district in which it otherwise
13 could elect.

14 The configuration that we drew in Los Angeles
15 County allowed us to draw the district, the Latino
16 district that we believed was the most effective due to
17 population growth. We believe that drawing a district
18 in District 49, as you're suggesting, is not a district
19 that Latino's can hang onto for the rest of the decade.
20 It's not a district that would be an effective district
21 for the rest of the decade, and that it made more sense
22 to put that district to which we believe we're legally
23 entitled under Section 2, but to put that district in an
24 area where the voters would have a full and effective
25 and fair opportunity to elect for the rest of the

1 decade.

2 At the same time of course the added benefit,
3 and we're not ducking that, the added benefit is that it
4 consolidates Asian populations in a way that they
5 haven't been consolidated before. We were frankly very
6 pleased that we could find a way to, in Los Angeles
7 County, create two new Latino districts that are
8 compelled under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
9 without diminishing the growing Asian population and
10 their ability to influence the outcome of an election or
11 carry an election in a district.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Go ahead,
13 Mr. Firebaugh.

14 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: On the same point,
15 what was MALDEF's original proposal in terms of Latino
16 voter registration in the 49th Assembly District?

17 MR. VELEZ: I believe it was around 36
18 percent for Latino voter registration.

19 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: So your original
20 proposal submitted to the committee on August 15th had a
21 Latino voter registration of 36 percent. The assembly's
22 version of Latino voter registration is 32 percent and
23 that additional reduction does not concern you in
24 regards to Section 2?

25 MS. HULETT: It's not that it doesn't concern

1 us. We presented in writing to you a number of areas
2 that we think concern us. The one I was addressing
3 today is before the committee, the areas that we think
4 are violative of Section 2. Reducing that district from
5 36 -- what did you say?

6 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: How about 46 which
7 is the present Latino voter registration to 32.

8 MS. HULETT: As I explained previously I
9 don't think -- we do not believe that that reduction in
10 and of itself deprives Latinos an opportunity to elect
11 which they don't have in that district even at 42
12 percent --

13 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: How about we
14 combine that with your stated testimony which we have in
15 a document here that when Latino voters constitute 30
16 percent or less of the voter population non-Latino's win
17 98 percent of the time. I trust that 32 percent would
18 be not much of a difference.

19 MS. HULETT: Those are two different numbers.
20 38 percent of the registration is one thing; 32 percent
21 of the Democratic registration is another. That 32
22 percent is an overall percentage of the district that is
23 Latino. Do you see what I'm saying? There's a
24 difference.

25 The Kouser report talks about a number

1 because we can look at total overall registration and we
2 can say, let's say the LVAP, the Latino voting age
3 population is 65 percent or 60 percent and a
4 registration in a district is 40 percent. How do we
5 answer the question of who is the majority of the
6 eligible voters in that district if we don't have
7 citizenship.

8 One of the things we can look at is what
9 happens in terms of a Democratic primary and look and
10 see what is the percentage of Democrats in that district
11 who are Latino. That's the 30 percent number that's in
12 my testimony. If Latinos constitute below 30 percent of
13 the registered Democrats in a district, historically
14 they lose 98 percent of the time.

15 If they constitute 50 percent of the
16 Democrats, they have previously won. The question is
17 what happens between that 30 percent and the 50 percent
18 in terms of the Latino composition of the electorate,
19 and that in turn depends on, whether the district is
20 effective in that range, depends upon the extent to
21 which Latinos have plurality in the district; in other
22 words, who else is in the district and how Democratic
23 the district is.

24 If it is really, really close and you have
25 only let's say a 30 percent, 35 percent share of the

1 Democratic registration, that may not be an effective
2 district. You have to look at other factors to
3 determine that. We did not determine that District 49
4 as it was drawn in our --

5 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: What about the
6 Assembly proposed map?

7 MS. HULETT: It's a Section 2 district. So
8 I'm saying the lowering of it, since we -- can I check
9 for one moment --

10 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Let me kind of
11 present the question this way.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I just want to note
13 we've got a number of witnesses who still don't have an
14 opportunity to testify. I'm wondering whether it might
15 be possible that we could ask some of the witnesses if
16 they are able to stay for a few minutes after they
17 testify and might be able to --

18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: I think this
19 should be on the record. This is conversation that
20 should be on the record.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. Go ahead.

22 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Let me present to
23 you the question. The Assembly District 49 today has 46
24 percent Latino voter registration today. It has a
25 history of electing Latinos in that district. In the

1 last special election a non-Latino won that district.
2 Given that history, given the reconfiguration of that
3 district, does it not concern you that decimation of
4 Latino voter population of 42 percent to 46 percent
5 would increase the number of Republicans in that
6 district? Does it not concern you that that may dilute
7 the ability of Latino population in that district to
8 elect the candidate of its choice?

9 MS. HULETT: No.

10 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: I'm not saying
11 Latinos, I'm saying the candidate of its choice.

12 MS. HULETT: No and I'll tell you why. First
13 of all, 48 -- there's a legal answer. There's a
14 particularly legal answer that has to do with whether or
15 not that district as it was, as it is currently or as it
16 was drawn by MALDEF constitutes a Section 2 district.
17 As it is currently, it's under 50 percent Latino voting
18 age population. There is no way --

19 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: But it's 46
20 percent registered voters and so --

21 MS. HULETT: Right, but there is nonetheless
22 no way that the, that the citizen voting age population
23 is over 50 percent which is the standard in the Ninth
24 Circuit. I'm answering you first from a purely legal
25 viewpoint.

1 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: I guess I'm trying
2 to understand that. If 46 percent of the presently
3 registered voters today are Latino, you're suggesting
4 that no more than 3.9 percent of the remaining adults,
5 voting age adults are registered?

6 MS. HULETT: No, no.

7 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: You're saying
8 voting age population?

9 MS. HULETT: I'm suggesting in a district, in
10 any district regardless of the registration that is
11 under 50 percent Latino voting age population that you
12 would be hard pressed to find a court in the Ninth
13 Circuit that would find that that district satisfied
14 prong one because of how unlikely it is that Latinos
15 constitute over 50 percent of the citizen voting age
16 population which is the standard in the Ninth Circuit.

17 Now, that's the legal, technical legal
18 answer. In other words, this is not a district that I
19 would argue as a slam dunk Section 2 district in court
20 currently or the way that we drew it. But the other
21 answer is the answer that I gave you previously which is
22 what we are upset about is the fact that another
23 district can be drawn in Los Angeles that can be held
24 onto for the next ten years as an effective Section 2
25 district and this one cannot, not as it's currently

1 drawn, it can't.

2 We looked at it. We tried. We saw which
3 population was growing and which population is not
4 growing. And I'm afraid -- I understand that you feel
5 differently, and I'm afraid we would have to disagree to
6 disagree at this point, but we looked at it extremely
7 carefully and we determined that in terms of the overall
8 representation in the state, not partisan, not -- but
9 overall Latino representation in the state we had a much
10 better not only shot but entitlement to a district in an
11 area that has growing population.

12 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: So then you're
13 suggesting that while this district may not constitute a
14 recognizable Section 2 challenge, the absence of another
15 one, the 36 will and does?

16 MS. HULETT: Yes, because it's in a growing
17 area. It's a majority -- the way we've drawn it it's a
18 majority Latino voting age population. It has a high
19 registration. It has a high percentage of Democrats
20 in -- I'm sorry, high percentage of Latinos among
21 Democrats. It has all the indicia that I talked to you
22 about previously of an effective Latino district that is
23 likely to remain that way because of population growth
24 over the next decade.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.

1 I appreciate the colloquy and I hope that we've
2 sufficiently aired that particular question. Let me
3 move on if I can to ask have we finished the
4 presentation that you had?

5 MR. VELEZ: No, we haven't described our
6 concerns throughout the whole state. It would not take
7 very long, but I think it's important it becomes part of
8 the record.

9 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: If I could ask my
10 colleagues, members if we can hold off on additional
11 questions until the conclusion of the presentation. I
12 would note that it's now 25 after 11:00. We still have
13 not heard from the NAACP, the African American
14 California Redistricting Committee, the Lawyer's
15 Committee for Civil Rights. At least one or two
16 additional groups still to go, so I would encourage
17 brevity in holding questions as tightly as possible.
18 You can go ahead, sir.

19 MR. VELEZ: Okay. I would start off just to
20 address the previous district that the previous group
21 had mentioned was Assembly District 13 in San Francisco.
22 We are appalled that the proposed map divide the Latino
23 community in the Mission, and in agreement with CAPAFR
24 we believe that the outer Mission should be included
25 with the inner Mission along Mission Boulevard. That

1 has a large Latino community and the plans that we have
2 submitted would unite that Latino community from the
3 inner Mission to the outer Mission.

4 Next to really to start off in an area we are
5 sorely disappointed with in Los Angeles County is
6 Congressional District 26. My question to the people
7 drawing these proposals is why? What was the purpose?
8 What could be the purpose between taking out the heart
9 of the San Fernando Latino voter community and dropping
10 it into an area where they have no effect whatsoever on
11 the ability to elect someone of their choice.

12 If you see the table that we submitted with
13 the maps, Latino registration had been increasing over
14 the last 10 years, and finally in the proposal it
15 reaches an all-time high of close to 40 percent in the
16 last general election. Suddenly in the proposal the
17 Latino community suddenly drops to 18 percent
18 approximately of the registered voters in that district.
19 That effectively takes away any ability to elect someone
20 of their choice in a district that is protected under
21 the Voting Rights Act.

22 They remove from the district, if you see at
23 the bottom of our map, it didn't come out, but
24 approximately 250,000 -- 270,000 people were removed
25 from Congressional District 26, and out of those

1 approximately 80 percent were Latino or 250,000 people
2 were Latino, and out of those 70 percent of those were
3 of voting age population.

4 So really they have effectively, the proposal
5 has effectively diluted, diminished, disseminated, call
6 it what you will, the ability for the Latino community
7 to elect someone of their choice.

8 SENATOR POLANCO: I'm confused by your
9 testimony. On the one hand you're using the argument
10 for the Congressional that the diluting of the district
11 is wrong, and yet on the other hand as it relates to the
12 Assembly 49th by creating a new one, it's okay. Did you
13 look at the notion of the same application to the
14 Congressional seats if you move the population to
15 another Congressional District?

16 MS. HULETT: We are entitled -- in Los
17 Angeles Latinos are entitled to an additional
18 Congressional seat. If you take one away and make one
19 then that's a zero sum.

20 MR. VELEZ: In terms of the seeming
21 contradiction I think the key difference is growth in
22 the Latino community and where we call for an additional
23 Assembly District where there was no representation
24 there before, there was no district, there was no
25 additional district in that area, we called for a new

1 district to be placed in the southeast area of L.A.
2 County.

3 And part of that motivation is because there
4 is very little growth in the 49th of the Latino
5 community; whereas, if you were to put the 36th District
6 in there it would grow much more as opposed to the San
7 Fernando Valley and Congressional District 36 which has
8 consistently grown in the last 10 years and will
9 continue to grow. And there are no competing or other
10 ethnic groups in that area. They're growing at quite
11 the same rate or anything comparable to the Latino
12 community in that rate, and so this is one that really
13 if you look to the future it would have much more of a
14 chance to be retained by a Latino community and allowing
15 them to elect someone of their choice.

16 On top of the discussion that Mrs. Hulett
17 referred to the enforcible fact that the one in San
18 Fernando Valley is a legally enforcible district and the
19 one in the San Gabriel Valley we would be hard pressed
20 to legally enforce it.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Senator Polanco, does
22 that answer your question?

23 SENATOR POLANCO: Yes and no.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. Let me urge
25 the witnesses to note, within the room we can hear you I

1 think fairly well. Certainly up here at the dais we can
2 hear you. I'm not sure if the people in the audience
3 can hear you as well since you're pointed in this
4 direction, but I'm getting some feedback here that in
5 the remote hearing locations around the state where they
6 don't have the advantage of room acoustics all they can
7 hear is what goes directly into the microphone. So if I
8 can ask everyone who is speaking, please make sure
9 you're speaking directly into the microphone because
10 what you're saying is not being heard by people at the
11 remote locations throughout California. Thank you.
12 Please proceed.

13 MR. VELEZ: I'll move to the San Diego area
14 on the Congressional District. This is an area where
15 we're really speaking about the Latinos in Imperial
16 County and where their community of interest lies.
17 Nearby in Coachella Valley there is a community of
18 interest there, and we commend the Assembly for drawing
19 a district that links those two communities and gives
20 them a greater voice. On the Senate side there is also
21 a community of interest that runs along the border with
22 a large immigrant population in San Diego City and other
23 cities such as National City and Chula Vista where there
24 is absolutely no community of interest whatsoever.

25 And I would be very curious to see if someone

1 could come up with one is what on earth does La Jolla
2 Cove and Pacific Beach and Ocean Beach and Sea World
3 have in common with one of the most poverty-stricken
4 counties in the entire state in Imperial County which
5 has some of the largest or highest unemployment rates in
6 the entire state.

7 Given that a border district is being drawn
8 we believe that there is a Section 2 case available
9 there to include Imperial County with the current 50th
10 Congressional District, which is Bob Fillinger's
11 Congressional District and including with the City of
12 Chula Vista and National City and parts of San Diego
13 City.

14 And particularly I wanted to mention, and I
15 don't know if this was an oversight, but there is a very
16 small neighborhood called Barrio Logan in San Diego.
17 It's only about 5000 people. It is one of the symbolic
18 hearts. It would be the equivalent of (inaudible) here
19 in -- not here in Los Angeles, down in Los Angeles or
20 other similar parts that have grown out of the Chicano
21 movement during the '60s and '70s.

22 That neighborhood was repeatedly included in
23 all districts in the 49th in the 80 -- or the 79th and
24 also in the Senate District there. It was left out
25 simply because it's on the wrong side of the highway.

1 We would call that they please include Barrio Logan with
2 the rest of Logan Heights. We're only talking about
3 5000 people, so I really don't understand why that area
4 was not included when there was extensive testimony at
5 the San Diego hearing to include it.

6 Moving to the Senate District we have
7 particular (inaudible) and is a legally enforceable
8 district as MALDEF has drawn it, and the way the
9 proposal draws it is not. Simply by moving that
10 district a little bit north and giving it more
11 representation in the cities of South Gate in particular
12 and also in other surrounding cities much like what
13 MALDEF has originally proposed, this would be a district
14 that would give an additional voice to the community.
15 Like I said at the beginning, Los Angeles County has
16 increased by close to 900,000 people, that is a Senate
17 District. Here we have the opportunity to give -- to
18 have a Latino community in the southeast city
19 represented by an additional Senate District, and
20 frankly, the one that was proposed last Thursday was not
21 given that voice in the Latino community and it is not a
22 very difficult thing to do.

23 On the Assembly District I think we have
24 already touched upon the districts in Los Angeles
25 County. The 56th is one that again if we were to take

1 the cities of South Gate as its base is one that has
2 really increased over the last ten years in the Latino
3 population and is a community of interest in neighboring
4 cities such as Downey and Bellflower and nearby areas,
5 that would be a legally protectible district.

6 And we are calling -- I feel that we need to
7 have -- we need to focus -- there is a focus being lost
8 on giving the Latino community on the Assembly level a
9 new voice in Los Angeles County, and MALDEF has proposed
10 that a new voice be given in the southeast cities out of
11 the base of Norwalk, Whittier, Los Nietos. These are
12 areas that are growing tremendously in the Latino
13 community and really deserve more representation and is
14 a legally protectible area.

15 Unless there are other questions, we have
16 submitted some other areas in the state, but I wanted to
17 keep my testimony brief.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
19 We greatly appreciate it very, very much, and I'm sure
20 the witnesses who are waiting to testify appreciate it.
21 Thank you very much for the taking the time to be here
22 today, and I believe at this time the next testimony
23 will come from Mr. Adrian Dove from the African American
24 California Redistricting Committee. That's the notes
25 I've been given here, and then also I have from the

1 NAACP Ms. Alice Huffman. I have two different list, one
2 shows one first and the other shows the other first.
3 Between the two of you, you can do whichever order you
4 would prefer.

5 MS. HUFFMAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
6 committee. I'm Alice Huffman and I've done you a favor.
7 I networked with all my counterparts who have the same
8 testimony as I and we've come up as a team, and so when
9 I get to a part in my testimony where another one of my
10 colleagues should speak I will yield to them and I will
11 submit in writing, and that way you don't get as much
12 duplication and we might have lunch on time.

13 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
14 We appreciate your consideration.

15 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you. As I said I am
16 Alice Huffman, President of the California State
17 Conference of the National Association for the
18 Advancement of Colored People, the NAACP. The NAACP is
19 the oldest, boldest, badest civil rights organization in
20 the world, and of course in California we have 52
21 branches and about 25 youth units.

22 I want to thank you for the opportunity to
23 share our thoughts on the proposed redistricting plans.
24 Our testimony won't be nearly as complicated as the one
25 before because many of our local branches have been

1 working in coalitions, and as the testimony comes forth
2 you will hear their input. But because of the short
3 notice of this hearing and review time, add to it the
4 effects of the holiday, we were not able to check with
5 all of them and so many comments may not be included in
6 today's testimony. And also our national office that
7 provides us with the legal input were sent these plans,
8 were e-mailed the plans, and we have not heard back from
9 them. So trust me, you'll probably get additional
10 information from us before this process is over.

11 The NAACP is primarily concerned with
12 ensuring that the new lines do not in any way violate
13 our rights as articulated in the Voting Rights Act, and
14 of course as you know you have heard a lot about
15 Section 2 and what Section 2 protects, so I won't go
16 into that. I'll just leave it in the testimony. But to
17 that end you know the Voting Rights Act did stem out of
18 African Americans being denied their right to vote in
19 this country for many, many reasons, and that denial
20 certainly did take the form of gerrymandering, dilution,
21 cracking, packing and stacking in ways that it were
22 harmful to our voting rights.

23 The comments, though, you'll hear from us
24 today refer to -- we are first of all doing only
25 Northern California; secondly, we are doing only

1 Assembly because that's what we were told what this
2 hearing today was on, the Assembly Northern California.
3 We will be back tomorrow and we'll pick up anything we
4 missed today that we should talk to you about, but we
5 had two goals, and one was since we didn't grow and you
6 don't have the problems of us expanding all over the
7 place we simply want to maintain what we have.

8 And then secondly where our populations have
9 moved or migrated into other areas of the state, we want
10 to simply make sure that the lines are drawn in a way so
11 we have influence in those elections, so we're a lot
12 less simple in what we're doing. And then I'd like to
13 point out that we are aware of some covered areas in the
14 state under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, and
15 those are in the central mostly north and central part
16 of the state. And for those which you know what they
17 are, they are Monterey County, Yuba County, Merced and
18 Kings County.

19 We are asking our national office to look at
20 the lines that have been drawn there and to advise us,
21 rather than our trying to pass some judgment on the
22 legal ramification of those. And we know that you
23 will -- we're asking you to let us know when you have
24 submitted those plans to the federal government for
25 review so we can alert our national office to that and

1 they can then interact on the right level.

2 Then just a note about the process. I don't
3 know if it's possible, but for people like me if there
4 were the old lines in one color on the map and if you
5 had some street notation I could almost make sense out
6 of this process. But just picking up the maps the way
7 they are now, I can't hardly remember how it was before.
8 And so it's a little hard for us to -- as a lay person
9 to be able to come here and speak as professionally as
10 we would like.

11 On the few districts in the north that we are
12 concerned, the one that we were going to start with was
13 the East Bay one, and as far as AD16 I will yield to
14 Mr. Rubin, Attorney Rubin, who I think we agreed would
15 both say the same thing, so why don't I yield for AD16
16 to Mr. Rubin.

17 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And Mr. Rubin before
18 you begin, let me just note that we did and Mrs. Huffman
19 as you had originally understood we intend only to be
20 having an Assembly hearing; subsequently the Senate and
21 the Assembly decided to hold this hearing jointly, so
22 that we actually will be happy to take any testimony
23 either today or you can submit it by e-mail or handing
24 it over in some other form, or tomorrow --

25 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: -- on the Senate
2 Congressional, and for that matter Board of Equalization
3 Districts as well. We greatly appreciate the fact that
4 this has been a compressed schedule trying to work all
5 these details out, and please go ahead, sir.

6 MR. RUBIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name
7 is Robert Rubin. I'm the legal director of the Lawyer's
8 Committee for Civil Rights. The Lawyer's Committee for
9 Civil Rights has been at the forefront of redistricting
10 battles for over 30 years now including the 1980
11 dismantling of a gerrymander in Mississippi that had
12 resulted in no African Americans being elected to
13 Congress since reconstruction. We're hopeful that some
14 of those battles won't be repeated in 2001.

15 We are here today on behalf of African
16 American community with regard to its interest in
17 Assembly District 16. We have met with groups like West
18 Oakland Neighbors that have identified shared
19 communities of interest, and in brief we support and
20 endorse the proposed district map that extends AD16 into
21 West Oakland.

22 Some of the shared communities of interest
23 that have been identified by neighborhood groups there
24 are Access to Affordable Housing, environmental concerns
25 including heavy trucks going through residential areas,

1 criminal justice issues. Those are just some of the
2 communities of interest West Oakland shares with the
3 rest of AD16. And again, we urge that the full
4 legislature support these proposed district plans
5 because it does keep those communities of interest
6 together and doesn't thereby empower the African
7 American community in West Oakland. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you. Is there
9 a question, Mr. Firebaugh?

10 ASSEMBLYMEMBER FIREBAUGH: Actually it's a
11 little off the mark. Mr. Rubin, I know that you work in
12 San Francisco. You heard my earlier question to the
13 Asian American representative relative to combining
14 Chinatown to the rest of the 12th. Are you in agreement
15 that that's -- that the proposed strategy of having
16 Chinatown and AD13 and Sunset and the other part of the
17 Asian Community in AD12?

18 MR. RUBIN: I'm sorry, we're really not
19 prepared to testify on that today. Our focus has been
20 on the African American communities of interest in the
21 East Bay. We may develop a position on that certainly
22 in light of some of the conversation today, but we're
23 not prepared to talk about that today. Thank you.

24 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For
25 the record the NAACP also supports AD16. I was looking

1 at the map and I did have some question about AD14, and
2 I'm going to raise the question and not raise the
3 solution because again I will have to ask our national
4 office to do some research with my branch there, but I
5 did note that AD14 was drawn in a way that Richmond and
6 Emeryville communities lost a significant amount of
7 voting power there, and the numbers as reported, that
8 district now which has over 50 percent white citizens
9 also has 54 percent white voting power in the district,
10 and it seems to me without knowing where the shift was
11 made or something that that sort of certainly took the
12 political world away from the minority people in that
13 district. And as I said, I'm raising it, and we may
14 find that that's the best that can happen, but in any
15 event you may hear back from us on that district.

16 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.

17 MS. HUFFMAN: In the San Jose area, my
18 president there, Rick Callender, has worked in the
19 coalition, and first of all they were extremely involved
20 in the process and they are supportive of AD24 as drawn,
21 but they do believe that there's some problems with
22 AD21. They believe that the City of Mountain View
23 should be included in AD21 as it was throughout the '70s
24 and the '80s and that Mountain View shares a common fire
25 department with the City of Palo Alto in addition to its

1 wastewater treatment power plant and that Mountain View
2 is truly a city that belongs to AD21.

3 As far as AD23 they believe that you should
4 include all of the East San Jose foothills in AD23.
5 This is an extremely diverse community, has long
6 identified with the issues of AD23 versus the issues of
7 the suggested placement of AD20. AD23 truly an East San
8 Jose district, and excluding even a portion of East San
9 Jose community from AD23 would result in a significant
10 number of Latinos and African Americans being placed
11 into a district that does not represent their community
12 of common interest.

13 And when I was talking about AD21 I forgot to
14 mention that I guess the City of Palo Alto and East Palo
15 Alto is a part of that. And then on the question of
16 Sacramento, which is where I live, I will yield to
17 Mr. Reede who is a resident of Sacramento and has been
18 very involved in the community project.

19 MR. REEDE: Good morning, Chairman Longville
20 and committee members. My name is James Reede and I am
21 co-chairman of the 2001 Redistricting Project of African
22 American communities and represents approximately 27
23 African American organizations in the greater Sacramento
24 region. I am here this morning to register our
25 coalition's strong objection to the redistricting plan

1 unveiled this past Thursday as it relates to Assembly
2 Districts 9, 10 and 17.

3 The plan proposed by the committee would rip
4 52,125 persons out of Districts 9 and 10 and place them
5 in a district 45 to 60 miles from their home
6 jurisdiction. Of these 52,125 persons, 78 to 82 percent
7 are persons of color, which represents a large and
8 diverse community of interest.

9 This removal of persons from District 9 to
10 meet the committee's goals of making safe districts for
11 incumbents violates not only the trust placed in our
12 elected officials but also the Voting Rights Act. The
13 committee's proposal would disenfranchise these
14 residents of the City of Sacramento by including them in
15 a district that has nothing in common other than being
16 in the State of California and diminishes any potential
17 influence this community of interest has on the outcome
18 of legislative elections. By moving these residents you
19 decrease the district's persons of color by 5.4 percent,
20 while increasing the white population by 5.6 percent.

21 The rule of district compactness is violated
22 as are the other rules that your committee outlined in
23 your redistricting guidelines on page 4 of your
24 guidelines, specifically numbers 5, 6 and 7, avoiding
25 unnecessary city and county splits, preservation of

1 geographical regions and respect for communities of
2 interest. I would also draw your attention to your
3 other handout relating to the Federal Voting Rights Act
4 and this particular plan's violation of its specific
5 requirements.

6 On June 24th, I addressed this community and
7 specifically requested that 1991 not be repeated and
8 that Sacramento not be split between districts. I am
9 referring to the first Senate proposal in 1991 that
10 would have attached this same community to Stockton and
11 points south and the Assembly proposal that split the
12 communities of interest in half.

13 Vice Mayor Pernell brought copies of the
14 Sacramento Bee newspaper article dated September 8th,
15 1991 that said black advocates blast remap plan
16 Meadowview. We're here ten years later addressing the
17 same exact issue. I hoped that my comments were
18 listened to in the prior hearing, obviously they were
19 ignored. So today I have brought with me a visual aid
20 to show what I am discussing. The section in the dark
21 green is shown on the overhead is the part of South
22 Sacramento that is being proposed to be moved into
23 District 17.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Excuse me, sir, I
25 want to make sure we accurately understand where you're

1 showing. The section in the dark green?

2 MR. REEDE: In the dark green. Florin Road
3 at the top, Highway 99 is diagonal to the east and
4 Interstate 5 is to the west. This particular community
5 as shown on the legend taken from U.S. Census Bureau,
6 the dark color is 75 to 100 percent persons of color.
7 Literally you're ripping the guts out of the hopes and
8 dreams of a community of interests to be able to elect
9 the persons of their choice.

10 I might add that the original District 9
11 before cutup was the district from which Senator and
12 then Assemblywoman Deborah Ortiz was able to be elected
13 from. However, if this large number of people of color
14 in excess of 42,000 because we're talking about 75
15 percent of that 52,000 are taken out and put in with the
16 district 45 to 65 miles away, it's unconscionable that
17 they would be able to wield influence in participating.

18 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: If I might ask if
19 maybe it will help things flow a little bit, I have a
20 question regarding that specific aspect from Senator
21 Johnson.

22 SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, 52,000 people, 52,125
23 you indicate, how are they divided today between
24 Districts 9 and 10?

25 MR. REEDE: Currently approximately 80

1 percent of those individuals proposed to be put into 17
2 are in 9 and the balance are in 10. The 20 percent are
3 in Pescetti's District No. 10.

4 SENATOR JOHNSON: Because you mentioned you
5 were taking them out of 9 and 10 so I wanted to get a
6 feel for --

7 MS. HUFFMAN: Mr. Chairman, for
8 clarification, I believe all of the ones in the
9 Meadowview area are now in District 9, at least they
10 were when I ran in the district and I think Laguna was
11 always in --

12 MR. REEDE: North Laguna Creek and Valley
13 High are currently in District 10, but that's all within
14 the City of Sacramento boundaries, and that was another
15 compromise that occurred between then Assemblymember
16 Isenberg and Assemblymember Lloyd Konnelly, there was
17 going to be even a greater split of the communities of
18 color between Districts 9 and 10, and the compromise
19 that was worked out was that those two small -- well,
20 those two communities would be placed into 10 and the
21 balance would be in 9. However we are advocating that
22 all --

23 SENATOR JOHNSON: That they be united?

24 MR. REEDE: That they be united in Assembly
25 District 9 only.

1 SENATOR JOHNSON: Just so I understand, your
2 testimony is that approximately 80 percent of the 52,125
3 would be in District 9.

4 MR. REEDE: Are currently in 9.

5 SENATOR JOHNSON: District 9 and the
6 remainder are currently in District 10?

7 MR. REEDE: Correct.

8 SENATOR JOHNSON: And you would like to see
9 them united in District 9.

10 MR. REEDE: Yes.

11 SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you.

12 MR. REEDE: You have it correct, Senator
13 Johnson, thank you. One last comment and I'm through.
14 As noted in the testimony during the 1991 legislative
15 redistricting hearings with this identical strategy was
16 proposed for Senate Districts 5 and 6, any claim of
17 increasing the effective power of the minority voice is
18 false. Placing the Meadowview community into Assembly
19 District 17 would significantly dilute the power and
20 ability of communities of color to equitably participate
21 in an electoral process in so much as it would hinder
22 the formation and effectiveness of electoral and policy
23 coalitions. Constituencies in Meadowview and other
24 people of color communities in the City of Sacramento
25 are not in communication with the residents in Amador or

1 Alpine or in Central Stockton or San Joaquin or Lodi.

2 People with one relatively -- within one
3 relatively compact geographic area relate with one
4 another, they relate along a spectrum of activities and
5 social interactions. Absent the political and personal
6 relationships that come from living with people in the
7 same geographic area, adding more people of color to a
8 particular district does little or nothing to improve
9 their electoral or policy participation.

10 And with that I conclude my testimony and
11 appeal to the committee to put the southern reaches of
12 the City of Sacramento all within Assembly District 9 so
13 that those communities of interest may have a voice in
14 electing representatives of their choice. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
16 sir, for taking the time to come here today and provide
17 us with the input that despite the frustration that I
18 hear in your testimony already, we are listening to it
19 and hope that we can try to see if there can be any
20 fixes to take care of the concerns you've raised. I
21 appreciate very much your effort to come and give us the
22 benefit of your insights.

23 MR. REEDE: Thank you very much, Chairman
24 Longville.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you, sir.

1 MS. HUFFMAN: And Mr. Chairman, I would like
2 to say for the record that the NAACP not only supports
3 his testimony, we support our assemblyperson and our
4 president of council, and I would like to tell you that
5 this district is a district that is probably one of the
6 finest districts as it's currently composed in the
7 state.

8 It is a district when there was an open seat
9 that a lot of minorities ran for the seat, probably too
10 many, and none of us won because we all ran, but the
11 fact is we were encouraged enough to run and it did
12 yield a very fine assemblyman, Darrell Steinberg,
13 because Darrell had to take into account our concerns
14 and have a commitment to the minority community.

15 So there's more than just to -- more than
16 just getting a minority person elected. We still have
17 influence regardless of who's running to get the very
18 best candidate. And so that's another reason why we are
19 so strongly opposed to the split of this district. And
20 I do believe it does violate Section 2 of the Voting
21 Rights Act and we will be asking our national office to
22 take a look at.

23 I am pleased to have a chance to participate
24 as I said, and this really does conclude what the NAACP
25 feels it has to say about the northern Assembly

1 Districts. I will yield I believe to my colleague
2 Adrian Dove who is with another coalition.

3 MR. DOVE: Thank you, Ms. Huffman. Chairman
4 Longville, members of the committee and the Assembly,
5 again it's a pleasure to be here and we want to make
6 sure, we submitted a plan for the Congressional and also
7 comments for the Assembly. We want to commend the
8 committee for the work done in the San Francisco Bay
9 Area, particularly in the Assembly District 16 in which
10 we endorsed the work that was done, and we also want to
11 join in Assembly District 9, the shift from 9 to 17 we
12 join in opposing that and are happy to see that you are
13 going to be reconsidering that.

14 We're concerned also in Southern California
15 with severe problems which we'll bring up tomorrow
16 regarding District 32 which has got a number of shifts
17 and changes that weren't in the benefit of the
18 cosmopolitan nature of the district.

19 We are also concerned with District 37. We
20 are pleased with District 35 of Congressional and we
21 will be tomorrow also addressing Assembly Districts 47
22 which we're generally pleased with, 48, 51 and 52 which
23 is the most problematic of all. So we're pleased to be
24 here and we look forward to coming back tomorrow with
25 those details.

1 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
3 Thank you for taking the time to be here today. Again,
4 we are listening. I can't guarantee what final results
5 are, but I do know that we are listening to what you are
6 saying and I hope we will be able to be more
7 accommodating of the things you've indicated.

8 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you very much.

9 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I'm going to ask next
10 if Mr. Joel Szabat would be -- I see him approaching,
11 and as he's coming forward let me also note that by the
12 rules that the legislature follows it is our practice to
13 have formal approval of photography, and I just wanted
14 to note that from the chair. I have no objections to
15 any of the photography that's taking place and I've
16 informed the sergeants of that. If any members have
17 concerns about it, please let me know, and I would
18 strongly discourage you from having any concerns about
19 it. With that I will let Mr. Szabat go ahead.

20 MR. SZABAT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
21 name is Joel Szabat, S-z-a-b-a-t, from the Chinese
22 American CEOs of Silicon Valley or CACEO. I am the
23 executive director of that organization. I want to
24 thank you and the members both for your patience today
25 but also for what is probably the most open process in

1 redistricting history at least in -- certainly in
2 California and probably in the other 49 states as well.

3 I will be brief. I want to associate myself
4 with the comments first made from my colleagues at
5 CAPAFR and the request that they made for some changes
6 in redistricting lines with one exception that I'll get
7 to later on.

8 CACEO's priorities have been in our testimony
9 here before to retain the Asian Pacific Islander
10 pluralities in the current San Francisco 12th Assembly
11 District and the 20th Assembly District in Alameda and
12 Santa Clara County and to make the 49th Assembly
13 District in Los Angeles County an API plurality district
14 since the highest concentration of Asian Americans
15 anywhere in the Continental United States resides in
16 that arc going from Monterey Park up to Arcadia.

17 As I've testified before, before both the
18 Senate and the Assembly, it's reasonably possible to
19 create as many as five districts with Asian Pacific
20 Islander pluralities, five Assembly Districts.

21 The three districts that we're focusing on
22 here today are what we consider to be the slam dunks.
23 The ones that ought to be obvious and easy to do. The
24 bad news is the current draft Assembly plan actually
25 decreases the number of API plurality districts in

1 California from two down to one; the good news is that
2 that can be rectified with only very minor changes. The
3 Assembly plan very correctly in CACEO's view increases
4 the Asian Pacific Islander plurality in San Francisco's
5 12th Assembly District to 43 percent. We had some give
6 and take with Assemblyman Firebaugh and some other
7 witnesses before. I just want to touch on that.

8 Many of us would like very much to
9 incorporate Chinatown into the 12th Assembly District;
10 however, Chinatown is geographically an island. It's an
11 Asian Pacific Islander community surrounded by primarily
12 Anglo communities and isolated from other Asian Pacific
13 Islander communities. If you try to bring Chinatown
14 into the 12th Assembly District you end up with two
15 districts, the 12th and the 13th, neither of which have
16 API plurality.

17 So that's the reason why you've seen CAPAFR's
18 plan, CACEO's plan and other witnesses testified, and we
19 separate Chinatown from the rest of Asian Pacific
20 Islander community in San Francisco. And by the way,
21 the Assembly plan brings more of Daly City with its
22 Filipino community into the 12th, and we think that
23 that's a good step.

24 In Los Angeles, the draft Assembly plan
25 consolidates much of the Asian Pacific Islander

1 community into the 49th which again is a step in the
2 right direction but in the words of the patron saint to
3 redistricting, Maxwell Smart, You missed it by that
4 much.

5 The district that you created is 42 percent
6 Latino and 41 percent API. Now, if you again draw that
7 line from Monterey Park to Arcadia and incorporate the
8 cities, a very condensed and very together group of
9 cities, which includes Temple City, San Gabriel and
10 Alhambra in that arc, you can create an Assembly
11 District that is 50 percent, 50 percent API.

12 We recognize that you can't get everything
13 that you want in the world and there are other practical
14 considerations, but surely if there is one district in
15 the state that deserves to be an API plurality district
16 based on any example you want to use, geographical
17 cohesiveness, community of interest, a high level degree
18 of immigration, this is a district that ought to be an
19 API plurality district.

20 Finally and probably of most concern to CACEO
21 is the existing draft plan eliminates the current API
22 plurality in the 20th Assembly District in Alameda and
23 Santa Clara County. It actually reduces the percentage
24 of API. Now, this can be fixed by adding Berryessa from
25 the 23rd back into the 20th and making other minor

1 conforming changes.

2 Here's the one area in which my testimony
3 would disagree with my colleagues from CAPAFR, they were
4 willing as part of an overall compromise with other
5 organizations to say, you know, let that sleeping dog
6 lie. I would rather wake that sleeping dog up and see
7 Berryessa put back into the 20th.

8 These are very small but very important
9 changes for the Asian Pacific Islander community. We
10 think that fairness demands it. The Asian Pacific
11 Islander community is in fact the fastest growing
12 community in California. One out of every eight
13 Californians claims Asian Pacific Islander heritage, and
14 by way of contrast, the current Assembly plan is able to
15 mark off two districts, the 16th and the 47th which have
16 African American pluralities.

17 African Americans are 6 percent of the
18 state's population. Asian Americans now are 13 percent
19 and growing. So it would strike many in the Asian
20 Pacific Islander community odd if there was a
21 redistricting plan that came out of the legislature that
22 was able to identify two districts for the African
23 American community but could only find one for a
24 community with twice the population.

25 Now, I'll be much briefer on my comments on

1 the Senate side. The most charitable reading we can
2 give to the Senate redistricting plan is that it was
3 drawn by someone who was unaware that Asian Americans
4 live in Southern California and we will talk more in
5 detail on that tomorrow.

6 But credit should be given where credit is
7 due. The 10th Senate District in East Bay does an
8 excellent job of uniting API communities from San
9 Leandro, Hayward, Newark, Fremont, Milpitas and
10 Berryessa. And we support that and think that that was
11 a very good step. With that I've finished my testimony
12 and I'm prepared to answer any questions, thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
14 Mr. Szabat. Do we have any questions? Thank you very
15 much. I was tempted with your allusion to the patron
16 saint of redistricting to go to my earlier instructions
17 and tell you to talk into your shoe, but nonetheless
18 we'll let that pass.

19 MR. SZABAT: And Mr. Chairman, you had
20 earlier issued a challenge to present your testimony in
21 the form of a haiku. Now, I don't know about the format
22 of haiku, but I do have a 17-syllable poem that I would
23 like to read into the record.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Seventeen syllables
25 we will accommodate, please go ahead.

1 MR. SZABAT: The Assembly plan proposed will
2 fly with minor help for API's. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
4 We'll make sure that's in the record regardless of
5 whether it follows the formal five, seven, five
6 structure.

7 MR. SZABAT: Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I believe we do
9 have -- okay, we do have next testimony if we could
10 because we have someone who needs to rush out. We have
11 I believe Rosalinda Guillen from the United Farm Workers
12 National Vice President. We are going to take her at this
13 time at a request because of a time constraint and let
14 the next person know so they can be up in the batter's
15 box, James Reede -- oh, excuse me, Mr. Reede is --
16 excuse me, go ahead and thank you, Ms. Guillen.

17 MS. GUILLEN: Thank you, I appreciate you
18 letting me come up now. As you stated, my name is
19 Rosalinda Guillen and I'm the -- on the executive board
20 of the United Farm Workers of America National Vice
21 President and on behalf of my union, the United Farm
22 Workers, we would like to applaud the legislature, your
23 staff and consultants for the work that has been done on
24 the draft Assembly, Senate and Congressional
25 redistricting plans.

1 Frankly the plans are good for farm workers.
2 The Assembly plan improves the district where farm
3 workers live, giving those who would put the interests
4 of these workers on an equal plane with those from whom
5 they work.

6 The Senate plan does an even better job for
7 farm workers. In the Central Valley we now will have a
8 chance to elect our strongest allies such as Dean Florez
9 who will soon replace Senator Costa. We also hope -- we
10 also see hope that by combining the Salinas Valley with
11 the Northern San Joaquin Valley in the Senate plan we
12 will have another friend representing farm workers.

13 The Assembly and Senate plans take a
14 significant step by combining the Coachella Valley with
15 the Imperial County. Again giving farm workers a chance
16 to have representation that will respond to their needs.
17 It is here, however, that we believe that the
18 Congressional plan can be improved. The Imperial
19 Irrigation District is the largest in the nation and for
20 too long this powerhouse has been unresponsive to the
21 needs of farm workers.

22 By modifying the proposed Congressional lines
23 to copy your Senate lines thereby connecting farm
24 workers to the Latino voters in San Diego County you
25 will give farm workers in this important region a real

1 voice in the Assembly, Senate, and in the Congress.

2 That would be historic.

3 I would like to close by commenting on the
4 intense feelings we have for our Congressman Howard
5 Berman. No one serving in either house or the
6 legislature has a record as strong as Congressman Berman
7 on the issues of farm workers. From authoring the
8 Agricultural Labor Relations Act in the 1970s to working
9 with us on farm worker legalization today.

10 I would like to thank you for your attention,
11 and I have our own haiku that I would like to end with.
12 Si se puede.

13 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
14 We appreciate it, Ms. Guillen. The next witness I
15 believe we have is Vice Mayor Jane Bruner from the City
16 of Oakland, and if Mrs. Bruner is not in the room at the
17 moment we will take her when she arrives, but in the
18 meantime we will go to Valerie -- please excuse me if
19 I'm garbling names here, it's T-u-l-i-e-r, I don't know
20 if it's Tulier or Tulier, of the Latino steering
21 committee.

22 Okay. The next name I have in the list that
23 they've given me here, we'll go for three. From the
24 Committee of Latino Professionals and MAPA, Maria
25 Gonzalez. Please go ahead to the microphone and we

1 will -- and the other two individuals I just mentioned
2 we will take them as soon as they are prepared. I'm not
3 sure if you intend to testify together.

4 MS. GONZALEZ: We had.

5 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Please go ahead.

6 MS. GONZALEZ: Thank you for the opportunity.

7 My name is Maria Gonzalez and I am the chair of the
8 Committee of Latino Professionals in San Francisco. I'm
9 also an officer of MAPA, that's the Mexican American
10 Political Association. It's a national organization.
11 I'm an officer in the San Francisco chapter.

12 We are supporting the proposal by the
13 contingency that came together here, and on behalf of
14 the Committee of Latino Professionals I would like to
15 read this into the record. A letter that was sent to
16 Mr. Firebaugh, Assemblyman Firebaugh dated August 31st.
17 It was sent by e-mail.

18 "Dear Assemblymember Firebaugh, the Committee
19 of Latino Professionals voted to uphold the MALDEF
20 Redistricting Plan and are in disagreement with the
21 proposed Assembly plan which proposes to split San
22 Francisco Districts 12 and 13. The proposed Assembly
23 plan will divide the historical concept of the Mission
24 Corridor and adversely affect the community of interest.
25 Sincerely, Maria Gonzalez, Chair, Committee of Latino

1 Professionals." I will pass to Valerie Tulier.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And before you do --

3 by the way, thank you for the benefit of the audience

4 of -- I should have identified what MAPA stands for. I

5 have a hard time sometimes remembering everybody doesn't

6 know that. I think I joined MAPA in about 1969 myself.

7 Senator Perata wanted to I believe make a comment with

8 regard to your testimony and then we'll move to --

9 SENATOR PERATA: Actually, Mr. Chair, I was

10 watching the previous speaker from my office and I

11 wanted to comment on that, so if you would like them to

12 finish that's fine.

13 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. Go ahead,

14 Ms. Tulier, and then we'll go to Senator Perata. Thank

15 you.

16 MS. TULIER: Good morning. My name is

17 Valerie Tulier, and before I publicly speak I always

18 honor the ancestor that walked this land before us and

19 with their permission may their spirits bless me to

20 speak today publicly in front of you.

21 Again, my name is Valerie Tulier and I'm the

22 facilitator for the Latino Steering Committee in San

23 Francisco, California, and I'm also a member of the

24 Latino Democratic Club in San Francisco. And I'm here

25 to advocate on behalf of the proposed plan by MALDEF for

1 redistricting.

2 I believe that MALDEF is one of the few
3 non-profit organizations that advocate the Latino
4 political interests, and we definitely are here to
5 support their plan. Although I appreciate the positive
6 contributions that progressive liberal white politicians
7 have done for us, Burton, Migden and Shelley, I'm not in
8 agreement with their proposed plan to split up the inner
9 and outer Mission. This issue is extremely crucial to
10 us.

11 Most Latinos are working-class folks. That's
12 why there are so few of us here today because they have
13 to put food on their table and they cannot come testify.
14 Maria herself took the bus just to get here and I had to
15 sacrifice work today to make sure that testimony came
16 here at a state level.

17 And I believe that's very important for you
18 to understand that to split District 12 and 13, to split
19 the inner and outer Mission would be detrimental to
20 providing equity for Latinos to have even a chance to
21 compete at a political level. And so I ask today
22 particularly the Latino politicians that I see up here
23 to be accountable to our community. To make sure that
24 you do represent our interests because many of us can't
25 come here or don't even know that we have access to

1 public government such as this forum.

2 We also need you to understand too that we as
3 Latinos focus a lot on struggling at local issues.
4 We're trying to make our school board accountable to us.
5 We're trying to make district supervisors accountable to
6 issues like gang violence, day laborers, issues like
7 that that are important. But we also understand that we
8 have to look at a statewide, the bigger picture, so we
9 ask very desperately today to please take into
10 consideration, not to divide the inner and outer Mission
11 that is one cohesive community.

12 In fact the inner Mission is the Mission
13 District, outer Mission is like the Excelsior, and what
14 has always been the traditional practice is once you
15 kind of moved up, you know, move on out of the
16 (inaudible) you went to the Excelsior District. So many
17 of our Latinos went there to the Excelsior to purchase
18 their first home, to make it into this society. So we
19 ask that you do not split us because politically we need
20 to have an equal level playing field, and this would
21 provide us equity if you do not divide our districts.
22 And so therefore I ask you today to please take into
23 consideration MALDEF's support. They have done a very
24 good job in researching this work and advocating for us
25 Latinos. Thank you all my relations.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much
2 for the time to be here today again, and Senator Perata.

3 SENATOR PERATA: Yes, I wanted to refer back
4 to the previous speakers, no offense on anybody, but I
5 was in my office and stuck and I would just like to read
6 this statement, brief statement into the record.

7 As chairman of the Senate Elections and
8 Reapportionment Committee I know that the Senate and
9 Congressional plans are a major breakthrough in
10 opportunities for increased Latino representation in
11 California. Without question these redistricting plans
12 are undoubtedly a major step forward. In the Senate we
13 currently have seven Latinos in the Senate, and as a
14 result of this plan, two and perhaps three more are
15 almost sure additions.

16 The 16th Senate District currently 60.5
17 percent Latino was raised to 63.2 percent Latino. The
18 40th Senate District presently 43.1 percent Latino
19 raises to 60.3 percent, a 17.2 percent increase. Beyond
20 the obvious, the new 18th District is now 46.2 percent
21 Latino. These are major gains.

22 Also, in the long term there are even more
23 opportunities for Latinos. The 27th Senate District has
24 a percent increase of 13, from 31.8 to 45.1 under the
25 proposal, the 34th Senate District has increased from 58

1 and a half up to 58 and a half from 54.9.

2 Most importantly none of these gains are at
3 the expense of the two African American Senate seats.
4 In congress we have a new Latino Congressional District
5 in Los Angeles County and all the six incumbents are
6 strengthened which is a considerable point.

7 Also there are long-term opportunities in the
8 20th District in the Central Valley which remains at
9 approximately 65 percent Latino and the 18th Central
10 Valley District which has increased to 41.6 percent from
11 36.4 percent.

12 As Rosalinda said in my absence, in terms of
13 the San Fernando Valley to waste Latino voting strength
14 on Howard Berman, a person whose natural inclination and
15 considerable challenge and demonstrated record over the
16 last two decades will be used to support regardless of
17 ethnic composition of the district, is contrary to the
18 interest of the community. Howard Berman has
19 historically proven to be an ardent supporter of Latino
20 issues and most importantly this has been a function of
21 personal interest and care rather than need. I will
22 admit that Howard Berman is a longtime friend of mine
23 whose 30-year record of strong support for Latino and
24 farm worker interest time and again has been
25 demonstrated, and in fact is one of the reasons that he

1 and I became friends over 30 years ago.

2 As a result we have maximized long-term
3 opportunities for additional representation and stronger
4 support by moving some of the Latino population to an
5 adjacent district which under our proposal is
6 approximately 51 percent Latino versus 19.8 percent in
7 the old district to encourage Congressman Sherman, the
8 incumbent, to take leadership on issues of concern to
9 the Latino community as Howard Berman has done for the
10 past 30 years.

11 Of course, if Mr. Sherman decides to leave,
12 the opportunities are palatable. These plans maximize
13 Latino voting strength, increase representation and best
14 reflect the interest of Latinos in California according
15 to the work in all of the things we've listened to for
16 the last seven months.

17 Opposition to these proposals in our judgment
18 would be contrary to Latino interests. We want to just
19 once again stipulate to the fact that what we have done
20 here is to balance the broad interest of the diversity
21 of California. I think we've done so in a way that is
22 both responsible but reflective of the major changes
23 that have occurred and will continue to occur in the
24 population of this state and I thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,

1 Senator, and let me move then to our next witness is
2 Mr. Carl -- excuse me, I'm sorry. I'm going one ahead
3 here. Our next one is Alan Clayton, Mr. Alan Clayton
4 from San Gabriel Research, Chair of the California
5 Latino Redistricting Coalition. And so that the next
6 person can be getting prepared, after that it will be
7 Mr. Carl Pinkston, the Sacramento area Black Caucus
8 Chair, and he will be testifying next.

9 And Mr. Clayton, I need to grab something
10 from the other room. I'm going to ask Vice Chair
11 Ashburn if you would just take the gavel for a moment,
12 and Mr. Clayton, thank you very much. We appreciate you
13 taking the time to be here and please proceed.

14 MR. CLAYTON: Thank you very much,
15 Mr. Chairperson. And this reminds me of 1991 when I
16 testified before all of the hearings of the Assembly,
17 the Senate hearings and over the final hearings. And
18 one of the points that we made in 1991, and I'm going to
19 bring it up again, is when you violate the Voting Rights
20 Act you do at your own peril.

21 Back then we were told that the plans the
22 Assembly Democrats drew A, B and C were constitutional,
23 they were fine and they would stand court scrutiny. The
24 same thing in the Senate, the same thing for the
25 Congressional. I was there, I remember.

1 Well, I'll submit they lost. They went to
2 the special masters, drew them, they disregarded those
3 plans because frankly they were unconstitutional. They
4 violated the Voting Rights Act. And the masters drew
5 plans, and in the end many seats were created under the
6 Section 2 guidelines currently held by Latinos or seats
7 where the Latino community can elect.

8 It seems like deja vu to me coming here today
9 and hearing the same kind of arguments of how great you
10 did for the Latino community, and I've been
11 participating in the process since the start, reviewing
12 the data, and as I said, I would comment on a variety of
13 plans as I believe either they violate the Voting Rights
14 Act or the positive plans.

15 Couple of the points I want to bring up first
16 is dealing with the Central Valley. Back in 1991 there
17 was an issue in the Central Valley about creating one
18 seat where the Latino community can elect a candidate of
19 their own choice. Well, I just want to remind you the
20 Kern County Latino Redistricting Coalition showed up and
21 said, you know, we have Latinos also in Bakersfield and
22 what happened was the State Supreme Court the special
23 masters in their wisdom created a second seat currently
24 held by Dean Florez, the 30th.

25 The same thing's happening now. You've

1 missed a historic opportunity in the Central Valley
2 because with the demographic increases in the Latino
3 community in the Central Valley, there are opportunities
4 to create another Assembly seat, another Congressional
5 seat, and also a Senate seat.

6 In terms of seats where we believe that there
7 would be opportunities for the Latino community to be
8 able to compete and run for office. And we believe we
9 can do that without -- just like in '91, for example, in
10 the Assembly we believe that we can create a third seat
11 without weakening the 31st or the 30th because of the
12 tremendous growth in the Latino community, and that
13 concerns me because it's the same issue again that was
14 raised in '91, the disrespect for the Latino community
15 in the San Gabriel Valley.

16 And I bring that up and I hope you hear from
17 the San Gabriel Valley Latino community which is very
18 vibrant. I've been down to their meetings throughout
19 the region and I know that when they find out how
20 they've been treated this time, and in my opinion
21 shamefully, I believe that they will have concerns that
22 will come to your attention.

23 The other issues, one of them just deals with
24 the Central Valley, and it doesn't make sense to me why
25 you did this. You took and went in the 12th District

1 the Monteith's District and you went over to Salinas
2 when you could draw a seat similar in Democratic
3 composition in the Central Valley by restructuring
4 Costas and also restructuring Monteith's.

5 Seems to me if you're a Central Valley
6 person, and I've had these battles in L.A. over cutting
7 up the San Gabriel Valley, you would want to keep your
8 area together, and the community of interest with
9 Salinas is a different community of interest than
10 Merced. So I believe there you made a major error in
11 terms of both the Latino community and also in terms of
12 the Central Valley residents by basically going out of
13 the region when you didn't have to.

14 On the Congressional I believe that just like
15 what was discussed back in 1991 and what the special
16 masters in their wisdom, and this was sustained all the
17 way to the U.S. Supreme Court, found that you could draw
18 two Assembly seats, the same thing I think you can draw
19 Congressional seats. Now that doesn't mean that you're
20 going to take Dooley's seat down as far as the Latino
21 representation where it would be an endanger vote either
22 to Democrats or to Latinos, but that means that there's
23 opportunities out there when you look at the tremendous
24 growth of the Latino community to create a seat. And
25 that doesn't mean it's a Democratic seat. That could be

1 a seat that's a very moderate seat, a seat that's a
2 swing seat because one of the issues that's been raised
3 is the Latino community deserves representation.

4 Now, whoever goes after that community and
5 seeks to deal with that community in terms of their
6 issues, that's the democratic way. What I'm interested
7 in is drawing lines where the Latino community is not
8 fragmented. And if it's a district that's a 46 Demo, 40
9 Republican, but there's a heavily Latino community, I
10 believe you can do that in a Congressional seat, then I
11 think you should look at it. Because in terms of
12 electibility you look at that and say well, that's a
13 real swing seat. Whoever goes out and works hard has a
14 shot at that, and that's the American way. But
15 unfortunately I don't see it here for the Central Valley
16 Latinos.

17 Same thing as '91, the deja vu. In the Los
18 Angeles area, well, I remember Los Angeles. It was a
19 disaster for Latinos in '91, and what they did was they
20 cut us up all over Los Angeles. But what you've done
21 now is in Los Angeles we were able to build just by
22 looking at the data and analyzing the data, a model.
23 And the model is you can -- you can draw in the Los
24 Angeles area and the core has increased tremendously in
25 terms of Latinos and in terms of electibility.

1 And I'm very familiar, I spent three months
2 dealing with the board of supervisors. I reviewed the
3 whole area, did a whole series of maps. And you can
4 draw basically four Senate seats where Latinos are
5 electable. Now, that is not a Republican issue or
6 Democratic issue. They're Democratic seats. You're not
7 changing parties there, you're basically giving the
8 Latino community with its demographic growth that
9 opportunity. And it's a shame that the Democratic party
10 passed on that opportunity just like they did back in
11 the 1990s.

12 So again, I think you need to go back to the
13 drawing board and look at how you treated Latinos in
14 terms of the Senate. Now, in terms of the Congressional
15 in looking at that area, again, I would look at the
16 growth in the southeast area, the growth in the San
17 Gabriel Valley, and I would look at are there changes
18 there that should be reflected in your maps, and of
19 course there are.

20 And they were reflected, partially, but
21 frankly you could have gone a lot farther and you could
22 have gone a lot farther in drawing maps in term of
23 voting rights, in terms of electibility, were there
24 options there you could have chosen, they're completely
25 legal and drawn Section 2 Districts. Pomona and that

1 area and the section of the San Gabriel Valley is an
2 opportunity. You have other areas of opportunity. I
3 think you need to go back and look at that, and we will
4 be glad to talk to you about some of the options you can
5 look at in that particular area, but again you missed a
6 historic opportunity.

7 I believe in addition to the four seats that
8 are currently in that region that are Section 2 seats,
9 two more could be created in addition to that. Also
10 when I hear about the 26 District and what was done to a
11 Latino community that is a cohesive Latino community
12 with tremendous voting strength, an area that I worked
13 before and walked precincts before, you know, Howard
14 Berman is a good fighter for issues, but this is not an
15 issue -- Howard Berman fighting for issues. This is an
16 issue for voting rights, and the plan that was produced
17 is a violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

18 It is a violation because it cracks -- it's a
19 classic cracking where you cut up the Latino community
20 and you put a sizable chunk of it in Brad Sherman's
21 district but not enough so there's electibility. And
22 you give an 18 percent registration to Howard Berman so
23 he has a safe seat. I think it's a disgrace. It's a
24 majority plan because again treats Latinos as
25 second-class citizens and it's an outrage, and we're

1 going to be looking at how to deal with this issue both
2 legally and politically. And on that particular one I
3 can't express more of my objections as to what was done
4 in that particular area.

5 And then I see the 53rd, the new seat's a
6 Latino seat. Interesting, the number just jumps up in
7 L.A. Well, the number could be put anyplace and you can
8 draw it anyplace but, you know, you did get one more
9 seat. The point is you cut up a seat that was there
10 that was a cohesive Latino community, so you basically
11 didn't give any gain. We know you can keep that area
12 together, that's what the law requires, and you could
13 also create an additional seat. You can increase an
14 influence seat in the Kern County areas and there are
15 other opportunities.

16 In looking at the Senate, couple of the
17 concerns that came up to me just looking at it is, well,
18 what happened to the Salinas/East San Jose area? I know
19 that area very well having worked that area before,
20 having traveled that area before, you know. I know
21 there's a Latino community that stretches that whole
22 way. I also know that in terms of electibility in that
23 particular district, the 15th, a seat could be drawn
24 where the Latino community could elect a candidate of
25 their own choice.

1 And I believe in a Democratic primary the
2 Latino community would have the largest block of voters.
3 Unfortunately what you did was choose not to move in
4 that direction. Instead you took part of the heart of
5 the Latino community in that area and moved it over and
6 put it in with Modesto which makes absolutely no sense.
7 Again you missed an opportunity there.

8 In terms of the other issues, you know, I was
9 always kind of wondering why you took the 18th which is
10 an issue of environmentalism, Jack O'Connell. I think
11 he's done a good job, and you took it and you basically
12 messed it up in my opinion. You can draw a coastal seat
13 on the 18th that really is a swing seat because you
14 can't get the registration too high because of the
15 configuration, but to take away from the environmental
16 movement of coastal thing makes absolutely no sense to
17 me and hopefully they'll give you some calls when they
18 find out what you've done to them if they haven't
19 already discovered.

20 The other point is the amount of time to
21 analyze the plans. I got the plans basically Thursday.
22 Friday stuff was coming in, so I worked all weekend, I
23 mean all weekend, reviewing these plans. And frankly
24 I've been around doing this 16 years. For somebody
25 coming in and trying to review all these plans to

1 determine whether you've violated the law, one of the
2 issues I brought up since the start of the process is a
3 fair time for review. And this is not a fair time.

4 Again I protest, You have not given us a
5 reasonable amount of time to fully analyze 173 districts
6 and come up with comprehensive testimony. It's not fair
7 to the average organization, civil rights organization
8 that is involved in this process because frankly this is
9 one where you really need time to go through these.

10 Some of these we're still looking at and trying to
11 determine whether you violated the law or not.

12 Another issue that comes up is something I
13 guess somebody drawing your maps may have -- I don't
14 know, maybe they may have misunderstood the law.
15 There's a case called Shaw. Somebody may remember that
16 case. I'm very familiar with it. It's called the
17 freeway map. Roll down North Carolina down the freeway
18 about 160 miles. Then there's a case called Miller, the
19 260-mile march to the sea. Those are majority Supreme
20 Court cases where you cannot go in and pick up minority
21 community and travel down and pick up another community
22 that's far away. I learned that lesson because in the
23 old days you could do that. Before Shaw I actually drew
24 a map that did that and the map's still there. It will
25 get changed this time because it is a violation, but

1 when I drew it it wasn't.

2 And that frankly in the City of L.A. that's

3 our school district. I went out to the San Fernando

4 Valley from the east, northeast but you can't do that

5 anymore. I ask you to look at your 34th Congressional

6 District. Look at where it starts in Pomona and look at

7 where it goes. Look at the narrow strips and then look

8 at Shaw, look at Miller, look at Bush versus Viera, look

9 at a whole series of cases on the issue of irregularly

10 shaped, bizarre-shaped, picking up pockets of Latinos in

11 various areas. The other problem you have you can draw

12 compact districts in those areas that meet the test of

13 the Voting Rights Act, so it's not like you couldn't do

14 it, you could.

15 The other issue you might think, well,

16 there's a commodity issue, you know, we're picking up

17 Democrats. Well, you don't have to do that either, so I

18 think in terms of do you have a good legal argument

19 there, I don't think you do. So I ask you to go back

20 and look at how you configured that district. There's

21 others out there that have problems. That has a severe

22 problem in terms of bizarre shapeness.

23 A couple other issues that I wanted to bring

24 up, one of the issues in looking at redistricting is how

25 it treats other organizations and other groups. One of

1 the issues that I also looked at is what happens
2 specifically with the African American community. Are
3 the lines there specifically in the Los Angeles area
4 designed to retrogress the African American communities
5 voting strength.

6 I believe that I have a concern I just bring
7 to your attention in the Wesson District. It appears
8 you've moved up the white voting age population to more
9 than the black voting age population, that as an
10 advocate for civil rights would concern me, and I think
11 you should take a look at it.

12 Also in the 49th I did -- I do live in the
13 49th, by the way, and I've campaigned in the 49th,
14 that's where I've lived for the last ten years. I'm
15 there every single day. My business is there and I
16 totally disagree with what MALDEF said, you can't have
17 two standards. What they did there is they took a seat
18 where there is Latino electibility, where it had Latinos
19 elected, recently had an election where many Latino
20 leaders supported an Asian candidate there. And
21 basically sometimes the Latino candidate runs and
22 there's another Latino candidate that runs and the
23 candidate does a good campaign and wins.

24 I've been through those campaigns. I know of
25 a campaign, for example, in San Bernardino and the chair

1 knows about it where Latinos actually got 69 percent of
2 the vote, they lost, 3 or 4 of them ran and they
3 basically split the vote of the Latino community. Well,
4 that happens. It happens on the credibility of the
5 candidate. Sometimes you run an extremely good
6 candidate from another group, but that doesn't deal with
7 voting rights, that's not the issue there.

8 The same argument that I make for the Berman
9 District is consistent with my argument in the 49th.
10 It's over 46 percent registration in terms of
11 electibility. In the primary it's in the high, high
12 50s. In doing that you've violated Section 2. It's a
13 clear case in my opinion of violating Section 2.

14 When you look at registration, citizenship is
15 at a higher rate than registration. Anybody that has
16 done voting rights issues knows that because it just
17 happens that way because it's harder -- you have to
18 register the individual, so I would believe that the
19 citizenship numbers are higher than the voter reg, but
20 in terms of electibility clearly that is a seat where
21 everything, even a Latino candidate, would win. That
22 doesn't mean you can't vote for someone else, and that
23 happens.

24 You've had individuals, Kenny Hahn went into
25 the African American community when the majority of the

1 voters were African American, and you can have that
2 happening and that's fine. But we're not talking about
3 good people running for office from various groups and
4 getting elected in coalitions. We're talking about
5 electibility.

6 And that area if you look at the Senate seat,
7 the Congressional seat going back to the '80s, Latinos
8 have been elected in that area. And to talk about the
9 issue of a declining Latino population, let me tell you
10 the danger in that. What about then the African
11 American community where Latinos are increasing, is that
12 the same arguments? You have to be consistent on your
13 arguments.

14 One of the issues that some of us have tried
15 to do through the process is to ensure that there's no
16 decrease in the voting strength of the African American
17 community where the Latino community is not going in
18 there and basically trying to decrease the voting
19 strength. You don't look at population, you look at the
20 ability to elect. And in the four seats in the Assembly
21 seats currently, the 52nd, the 51st seat, the 47th and
22 48th, I believe currently there probably is an ability
23 to elect.

24 In one or two of them that may be declining
25 but why would you artificially make it decline more?

1 That's why I raise the issue of Wesson's seat with --
2 and I ask you to look at the white voting age population
3 versus the black voting age population. I think you'll
4 see white is now a little more. That would concern me
5 if that was in the Latino community just like it
6 concerns me in the 49th.

7 So if you believe that the 49th can be taken
8 from 46 to 32 and it is any different than 26, I think
9 you're wrong. The other issue that comes up there is
10 the issue of frankly going in and destabilizing a
11 community that was drawn by guess what, the special
12 masters. And I was there. I sat there. I went through
13 and listened to the testimony. I sat in the State
14 Supreme Court. That was drawn by the court. They found
15 a community of interest there.

16 To go back in and gut that area, take out
17 heavily concentration of Latino voters which you did, I
18 think you're opening yourselves up for a legal
19 challenge. And I'm saying that in a friendly fashion
20 because I hope you resolve all these issues, and I will
21 testifying tomorrow at greater depth. The reason it
22 takes so long is you've got 173 districts. I'm going
23 through them and looking at them. One of the points I
24 want to make, Mr. Chairperson, is we're trying to give
25 you information so what happened in '91 will not happen

1 to you. I've seen what can happen with a court fight.

2 Let me give you one brief thing that will happen,
3 incumbency is out.

4 All of you that drew districts to protect
5 incumbents, guess what, the State Supreme Court
6 incumbency will not be the issue with them. It will be
7 the Voting Rights Act, compactness, contiguousness in
8 laying down those standards. And you know what they
9 did, split cities. I know how many they split because I
10 went back and reread that.

11 So in terms of electibility issues, in terms
12 of voting rights, to sum it up, in the Assembly you have
13 problems with the 56th, the 49th. We believe there's a
14 seat in the Central Valley. I would say look at the
15 32nd because it's right in the area. Also in San
16 Francisco again don't split the Mission up, the 13th.
17 In the Senate the 27th, the 15th, the 12th are
18 opportunities that you missed. In the Congressional the
19 38th and the 41st. I think the 26th is a major problem.

20 And also you need to look in the Kern County
21 area and the number doesn't bother me, whichever number.
22 What bothers me is you didn't create basically an
23 opportunity there. And that opportunity is not to say
24 it's a Democrat or Republican opportunity; it's an
25 opportunity for the Latino community.

1 Also in the Fresno area, that area where I'm
2 talking about potentially you could create a seat. That
3 is not a Democrat or Republican opportunity, that is an
4 opportunity for the Latino community. It could go to
5 either a Democrat or a Republican depending on who does
6 the best job. The point is you missed those
7 opportunities. We're bringing them to your attention.
8 We'll be glad to talk to you and help you work through
9 this because you have a short amount of time. The
10 changes are unacceptable to us. Thank you very much.
11 If there are any questions, I'd be glad to respond.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Any questions for
13 Mr. Clayton? Senator Murray.

14 SENATOR MURRAY: Hi, I'm a little bit late
15 here, so bear with me if I ask questions you already
16 answered. In your conclusion there you just referred to
17 the term opportunity a lot, and briefly since I'm sure
18 this hearing has been going on a while before I got
19 here, at what point in your mind, at what point are we
20 obligated to pursue an opportunity either for a Latino,
21 or an African American or an Asian, for any of the other
22 protected classes so far? Are we to grab every
23 opportunity? Are we to come up with a map that is
24 perfect for the African American community, perfect for
25 the Latino community or one versus the other or Asian?

1 At what point do we have to grab an opportunity?

2 MR. CLAYTON: I'll refer you to probably the
3 court that's going to get this again, the State Supreme
4 Court and what they said. Where there are opportunities
5 under Section 2 you should take a deliberative effort to
6 try to create those opportunities --

7 SENATOR MURRAY: Opportunities for?

8 MR. CLAYTON: Opportunities for Section 2
9 seats. That is where the Latino community or the
10 African American community has the opportunity to elect
11 the candidate of their choice, and candidate of their
12 choice means they can elect whoever they want, but they
13 have the ability to elect. An ability to elect --

14 SENATOR MURRAY: So in other words, wherever
15 there is the possibility that there can be a plurality
16 of any given group.

17 MR. CLAYTON: It's not a plurality, sir.

18 SENATOR MURRAY: What is it then?

19 MR. CLAYTON: What it is is the ability to
20 elect. You have to have enough voting strength so you
21 can convince a court that you will have the ability to
22 elect. It's not an easy standard, but it's a standard
23 that can be met.

24 SENATOR MURRAY: I get that. Bear with me on
25 not being technically accurately on that as somebody

1 who, you know, runs campaigns. Plurality kind of means
2 opportunity to elect where I come from, but you can
3 argue that in court. But wherever there is a --
4 wherever there is the possibility under some given
5 scenario that you could create an opportunity for one of
6 those classes to elect someone, is it your view that you
7 are required to take and pursue that opportunity?

8 MR. CLAYTON: Well, it's not only my view.
9 The individual, Professor Macaskill that drew the lines
10 last time --

11 SENATOR MURRAY: I don't need back up, I need
12 you to just answer if I'm correctly demonstrating your
13 point.

14 MR. CLAYTON: It's my view if you can show
15 there's a Section 2 district that meets the guidelines
16 that have been laid down by the U.S. Supreme Court, yes
17 I think you should draw that district. Legally I think
18 that if you don't draw that district you basically allow
19 yourself to be open to a challenge like what happened in
20 the 1991 --

21 SENATOR MURRAY: And what about where those
22 two goals, that goal conflicts given two or three other
23 groups? What if drawing the lines one way creates a
24 seat where Asians can elect and drawing the lines a
25 little bit different way created seats where Latinos can

1 elect, and drawing the lines a little bit differently
2 creates a situation where African Americans can be
3 elected, because some of the seats you just mentioned,
4 frankly, moving those lines around removes the ability
5 of African Americans to elect the candidate of their
6 choice.

7 MR. CLAYTON: And you raised a very important
8 point. Yes, I know from drawing lines and I've drawn in
9 the whole Los Angeles area as you know --

10 SENATOR MURRAY: Absolutely, we've talked
11 about this a lot.

12 MR. CLAYTON: So, yes, I can go in and carve
13 out areas, but I think for example if I went into the
14 African American community and took out Compton from the
15 52nd and put in an additional Lynwood and Paramount,
16 South Gate and restructured it, I would think there
17 would be an argument the African American community
18 could make based on electibility. The same thing with
19 the 48th and the 47th. If I went over in the 47th and I
20 went all the way up and put Beverly Hills in there, I
21 think there's a legal argument that can be made by the
22 African American community that you deliberately diluted
23 the ability of the African American community to elect,
24 and you would have performance backing that up.

25 SENATOR MURRAY: But could you also argue

1 that say Carson should be in the 52nd which makes that
2 seat frankly much more palatable for an African American
3 campaign. That's an opportunity to create a seat where
4 African Americans can elect the candidate of their
5 choice. Now, however you change the nature of the
6 district so that it might be less for a Latino candidate
7 or less for an Asian candidate in Carson.

8 MR. CLAYTON: And Senator Murray, there are
9 some that basically you go to what's called the
10 totalitary of circumstance. You have to look at
11 everything. It's not where you're going to make a quote
12 call and say yes we can do that. What I want to do on
13 each one of those is take a look at the local issues,
14 who's been elected in the past, what is the voting
15 strength of those communities. You take -- what the
16 courts will require you to do is do a searching analysis
17 of all those factors.

18 SENATOR MURRAY: And that's the point that I
19 wanted to make. I mean you've been studying this for a
20 long time and you're good at this and you make very
21 definitive statements. And I just want to make sure
22 that we make the point that an opportunity for one group
23 is lack of an opportunity for another group in the way
24 that we draw these lines and whether, you know, I'm not
25 arguing -- specifically I'm not arguing that case right

1 now.

2 But as we make these arguments, you know,
3 it's sort of every action is a reaction, and your job of
4 course and your purpose is to frankly optimize seats for
5 the Latino community which is frankly, you know, a
6 laudable thing. But as you make statements that, you
7 know, we are missing this opportunity and we are missing
8 that opportunity, that missed opportunity for Latinos
9 might be a gained opportunity for African Americans or
10 for Asians or for some other group, and you've got all
11 of these groups.

12 And you know, beyond the ethnic groups you've
13 got cities, you know, city splits and unnecessary city
14 splits and people who are even arguing that, you know,
15 because their block club extends an additional block
16 more than you put in, you know, we cut their block club
17 apart or their neighborhood association apart. So all
18 of these opportunities are also maybe losses for some
19 other group.

20 MR. CLAYTON: Senator Murray, just to respond
21 having done redistricting --

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Can we make it real
23 tight. I have a timeline which I'll explain.

24 MR. CLAYTON: Fine. You know, I saw you gave
25 time to other groups I just want to be able to respond

1 to these issues. In terms of drawing -- having drawn in
2 Los Angeles, having dealt with Assembly, Senate and
3 Congressional back in '91, as you are aware, Senator
4 Murray, there were no takeaways that went from the
5 African American community to the Latino community.
6 There's been no proposals out there that I've seen from
7 the Latino community to take one iota away from the
8 African American --

9 SENATOR MURRAY: Well, Mr. Clayton, that's
10 not exactly true. Let me close at least my point of
11 this, Mr. Chair, if you don't mind. Clearly I am not
12 suggesting that there is conflict among the entities
13 here, but everybody has hired somebody in order to
14 optimize -- to consult them to optimize their potential
15 seats. Until now there has never been an African
16 American seat lost to a Latino candidate and there has
17 never even been the rumor. You and I have had this
18 conversation a number of times where you know
19 (inaudible) would all like to think that there is
20 conflict between the races and it isn't true, and so
21 I'll grant you that.

22 But this is a situation where everybody, not
23 just blacks and Latinos, but Asians and neighborhood
24 people have hired some consultant to optimize whatever
25 their perfect view of the world is. And my only point

1 is one person's perfect view of the world is almost by
2 definition some negative slant by someone else. And
3 again, you and I have had this conversation a number of
4 times and I know that your motives and goals and the
5 people you work with are similar to mine.

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Senator Murray and
7 Mr. Clayton, let me apologize. Here is the problem. We
8 have - the Assembly is about to adjourn for the day and
9 there are some members who have to get down and add on
10 to the vote before they adjourn. We will be reconvening
11 in just about 10 -- well, 15 minutes at the most. If
12 you want -- let me give you one minute to just add
13 anything you want at the moment if you'd like, but I'm
14 going to have to break because we have to get people to
15 go down and vote.

16 MR. CLAYTON: The only point I was going to
17 make is I have not seen any evidence at this time in
18 terms of anything that's come out from the Latino
19 community that in any way, shape or form we've done
20 anything to hurt any of the African American districts.
21 You know, you can draw districts and make them stronger
22 Latino and take them from the African Americans. One of
23 the deliberate things we've done since the start, I
24 testified on the record on is, is we have not done that.
25 If anybody has proof of that I would love to have them

1 come publicly and say that and show me the district
2 where we've done that or show me who said that because
3 I've heard this for the last couple years and it's
4 offensive to me when we have not been doing that, that
5 these kind of rumors get out there. Thank you very
6 much.

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank very much. We
8 will take a break for 10, 12 perhaps 15 minutes at the
9 most. Come back here at 1:00 or within a few minutes
10 after that. Let me ask the remote sites to please stand
11 by, not to go offline and stand by for roll call.

12 By the way, Mr. Clayton, I would just for the
13 record, in the 62nd district you got to go back four
14 elections to when the election results, you're talking
15 about the primary of '98, the subsequent three
16 elections, non-Latino candidates has actually won a
17 majority not a plurality in both generals and the
18 primary since that time against the Latino candidates
19 despite that being over 50, almost 60 percent Latino
20 district, just for the record. I just want to let you
21 know the statistics.

22 MR. CLAYTON: I understand the argument.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And we will come back
24 in a few minutes. Thank you all very much, ladies and
25 gentlemen.

1 (Off the record.)

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3 (Whereupon the following proceedings were

4 reported by Wendy E. Arlen, CSR.)

5 --oOo--

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: At this time I'm

7 going to reconvene the hearing, and let's see, we have

8 our court stenographer there. Wonderful.

9 Double-checking that no one else is seeing a problem,

10 doesn't appear we have any. Again, I would, before

11 Mr. Pinkston begins, just urge members to note we want

12 to get some additional members in here.

13 We currently have no members of the minority

14 party and we have no members of the Senate in the

15 hearing room. I'd appreciate it if we can get some in

16 here, and with that, Mr. Pinkston is representing

17 Sacramento Area Black Caucus as chair of that

18 organization. We welcome you here and you have the

19 microphone, sir.

20 MR. PINKSTON: Thank you very much. Good

21 afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with

22 you.

23 My name is Carl Pinkston and I represent the

24 Sacramento Area Black Caucus. Today I would like to

25 speak to you on the proposed redistricting of

1 Meadowview, Valley Hi and North Laguna from Assembly
2 District 9 to Assembly District 17 and the question of
3 community of interest.

4 Before I speak to the many contradictions
5 related to the proposed changes, I would first define
6 community of interest. A community is a historically
7 constituted and geographically defined group of people
8 with a common economic, political, social, and
9 psychological makeup manifested in common culture and
10 common experience. The term interest refers to a
11 self-identified interest, meaning those high salient
12 needs, wants and demands articulated by any politically
13 cohesive group of voters. Thus, a community of interest
14 refers to a historically constituted, geographically
15 defined group of people with common social, economic and
16 cultural experiences expressing high salient needs,
17 wants and demands.

18 The community of Meadowview has no common
19 interest with the communities of Stockton and Tracy, and
20 the reason are as follows: One, in the late 1950's and
21 early 1960's Meadowview developed as a suburb of
22 Sacramento. By the 1970's Meadowview transformed from a
23 predominantly white suburb to a majority people of
24 color. Stockton and Tracy were historically constituted
25 in the late 1800's as agricultural communities. Given

1 the history of Stockton, African Americans constitute
2 only 9.1 percent. In other words, both Stockton and
3 Tracy are majority white communities.

4 Second, the economy of Meadowview is retail.
5 People are employed in government and businesses located
6 in the City of Sacramento, and with a significant number
7 on public assistance. Tracy and Stockton communities'
8 economy are centered around agricultural industries.
9 The Port of Stockton, factories, farm workers and farms
10 dominate the community life of Stockton and Tracy.

11 Third, the rich cultural experiences of
12 African Americans in Meadowview are absent in Tracy and
13 Stockton. Many African-American families in Meadowview
14 have families in other parts of Sacramento and maintain
15 a close social bond. This common social experience
16 provides African Americans with the opportunity to
17 interact with one another and cultivate the social and
18 political ties necessary to develop relationships
19 capable of influencing public policy and electing
20 candidates of their choice.

21 Fourth, I would like to note an important
22 geographic point. The city of Tracy is about 70 miles
23 and the City of Stockton is about 40 miles from the
24 community of Meadowview. The vast distance between
25 Tracy, Stockton and Meadowview does not allow

1 communities to develop common interests.

2 Fifth, the interests of Meadowview is clearly
3 articulated and expressed by the electoral process.
4 Meadowview, Valley Hi and North Laguna are 76 percent
5 people of color and twice voted to elect a person of
6 color to represent them. They are located in cities and
7 county of Sacramento. Thus, they elect local people
8 they know.

9 In sum, Meadowview demands and needs reflect
10 a community of colors, wants in the concrete - suburb,
11 urban, high concentration of people of color and with
12 ties to communities in Sacramento. Stockton and Tracy
13 demands and needs express agricultural, rural, high
14 concentration of Anglo Saxon tied to the agricultural
15 economy.

16 The Sacramento Area Black Caucus oppose the
17 gerrymandering of Meadowview into the 17th Assembly
18 District. Thus, we strongly urge you to keep
19 Meadowview, Valley Hi and North Laguna communities in
20 the Assembly District No. 9 and by supporting this, you
21 respect those community of interest. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
23 Mr. Pinkston. We appreciate you taking the time to come
24 before us today and we appreciate your patience waiting
25 for your opportunity to speak as well

1 MR. PINKSTON: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: At this time our next
3 witness will be from Sacramento and then we're going to
4 be going to Monterey for the next witnesses. After
5 that, Terry Leach and friends Orinda, and they will
6 identify themselves the Lamorinda Democrats, I believe.
7 They will identify themselves individually, and then we
8 will be moving to Monterey, and just so that he can be
9 getting prepared, I believe Mr. Ed Leeper from the Save
10 our Peninsula Committee will be next, followed by David
11 Dillworth from Carmel of Responsible Consumers of
12 Monterey Peninsula, followed by Marilyn Hummel from
13 Santa Cruz, and then we'll be moving to San Jose just so
14 people can kind of get a little bit of preparation.

15 At this time, Ms. Leach, you have the
16 microphone.

17 MS. LEACH: Thank you for the opportunity to
18 speak. First we're going to have Paula Goodwin
19 representing the Bipartisan Citizens of Orinda. Thank
20 you.

21 MS. GOODWIN: Good afternoon. I had started
22 out my speech good morning. It's afternoon. My name is
23 Paula Goodwin. I live in Orinda, which is on the outer
24 edge of Contra Costa County right next to Berkeley and
25 Oakland in Alameda County.

1 I would note that the Orinda of today is not
2 the Orinda of 10 years ago. I moved to Orinda in 1992
3 from Berkeley. Many who live in Orinda today moved from
4 Berkeley and Oakland in the '90's especially after the
5 Oakland fire storm, and we brought with us our
6 progressive beliefs when we moved.

7 I come to you today as an average Orinda
8 citizen. I'm a lawyer and past law professor at Golden
9 Gate University, and also mother of three and the
10 president of our educational foundation in Orinda. I've
11 been very involved in the public school funding issue
12 and have come to Sacramento a couple occasions in
13 relation to that. Orinda is third from the bottom as
14 far as public school funding.

15 The proposed map, congressional map as set
16 forth would split up our existing school district of
17 Orinda-Moraga into one district and Lafayette and Walnut
18 Creek in another district. We have been very effective
19 so far because of our common interests, our commonality
20 of interests with our school district speaking as one
21 school district.

22 We are very passionate about our schools in
23 Orinda and we do not wish to be divided. Our reaction
24 to this current plan has been very strong in Orinda and
25 the local communities. We feel disenfranchised, our

1 voices feel threatened. If this plan goes through, in
2 all honesty, there has been talk of throwing tea into
3 the harbor.

4 Because of the holiday, we could not get as
5 many people up here, but we are planning, I just wanted
6 to let you know for the record we are planning a rally
7 in Orinda on Friday and I just would like to read our
8 flyer that's going around town. It says: Remember the
9 Boston Tea Party, the revolt against taxation without
10 representation that set the stage for our democratic
11 form of government. Well, they say history repeats
12 itself. Rally against "Redistricting without
13 representation."

14 I just would note we appreciate the process,
15 but it's redistricting without representation.

16 Lamorinda's Tea Party. If you're concerned
17 about public school and traffic, join our community
18 leaders and neighbors on Friday, September 7th at 9:00
19 a.m. in front of the Orinda Theater. Keep our local
20 representation here, not in the Central Valley. And we
21 have BYOT optional. Thank you.

22 MR. BARNETT: Thank you, Chairman Longville,
23 for being here to listen to us. My name is Michael
24 Barnett. I'm president of the Lamorinda Democratic
25 Club. Lamorinda is the historic name for Lafayette,

1 Moraga and Orinda, towns which are suburban towns five
2 or ten minutes outside of Berkeley and Oakland.

3 Looking at the plan, we noticed that Moraga
4 and Orinda were at the very tip of a sliver of land that
5 came out of the 11th CD all the way from the Central
6 Valley, and looking at that we realized that there would
7 be a fairly simple cure for this problem, which would be
8 to take these two cities and put them back into the 10th
9 CD and take Brentwood and Oakley out of the 10th CD into
10 the 11th CD. Those towns are very rural and match very
11 well with the 11th CD. So by this combination of things
12 we could, I think, make people from both areas very
13 happy.

14 This has almost a perfect match in the
15 numbers of people changed. So there is no change that
16 way, and the change in Democrats and Republicans is only
17 in the hundreds. So it's a very small change, would
18 keep the suburban communities with the suburban
19 communities and keep the rural towns with the rural
20 towns. That's the proposal which Terry will be telling
21 you about.

22 We have two other members of our club here,
23 Terry is the vice president and Valerie Slovin, who is
24 about to speak, is a long-time member who has done voter
25 registration and been out there working for Democratic

1 causes for many years now. So we'll let her go next.

2 MS. SLOVIN: Thank you. My name is Valerie
3 Slovin. I have lived in Orinda for 13 years. My
4 husband owns and operates a small business in Oakland.
5 We are both Democrats.

6 I am on the executive board of the Lamorinda
7 Democratic Club. I have been a delegate to the State
8 Democratic Convention. I devoted a large part of my
9 energies in recent years to working to strengthen the
10 Democratic party in general and in the Lamorinda area in
11 particular. I am now considering taking out papers to
12 serve on the Contra Costa County central committee.

13 From a very early age, I was taught the
14 importance of the vote. It was a major step for me to
15 renounce my British citizenship and swear my allegiance
16 to the U. S. Constitution. The day I was sworn in as a
17 U. S. citizen, I registered to vote as a Democrat. I
18 have been a loyal and hard-working Democrat partisan
19 ever since.

20 However, the Senate co-redistricting plan
21 proposed by leaders of our party makes me question my
22 faithful party loyalty. The reason for the existence of
23 our party is to represent and improve the lives of our
24 citizens. This disenfranchisement of segments of our
25 citizenry to maintain the power of our party is not

1 acceptable or justifiable. It is not acceptable if
2 Republicans are in control and it is not acceptable in
3 Democrats are in control.

4 Make no mistake, all citizens of Orinda would
5 be disenfranchised if the proposed plan is adopted. Any
6 clear-thinking person has to recognize that residents of
7 our area have little in common with Tracy and Manteca.
8 I'd be willing to bet you that 50 percent of people in
9 our area don't even know where Manteca is and vice
10 versa.

11 They are two different worlds and whether the
12 congressman is the current right-wing Republican or a
13 liberal Democrat in the future, if he lives in the
14 Central Valley, the people of Orinda will not receive
15 the representation in Congress to which we are entitled.

16 There is a serious disconnect in this country
17 clearly evidenced by the appalling lack of participation
18 of so many of our citizens in the political process.
19 Your actions can only serve to bolster and justify this
20 situation in the minds of many people. Please realize
21 that you can achieve a sensible redistricting plan and
22 maintain competitive situations for incumbents without
23 taking away effective congressional representation for
24 our area. Please consider that like all Californians,
25 the residents of Orinda must be represented in the

1 United States House of Representatives, and I thank you
2 for giving me this opportunity to speak to you today.

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you all very
4 much for coming.

5 MS. LEACH: Thank you for your time. I am
6 Terry Leach, a health care attorney, vice president of
7 the Lamorinda Democratic Club. I've gone on leave in
8 great part from the law firm in San Francisco for which
9 I've worked for several years to advance Democratic
10 causes, and in particular I was commissioned by the
11 Chicano Latino Caucus to research and promote voter
12 reform and in particular vote by mail, and I have also
13 been asked and have been happy to help increase, along
14 with partisan Democrats who work very, very hard like
15 Valerie, the visibility of Democrats in areas that
16 demonstrate Republican voter registration majorities.

17 I brought along only two or three newspapers
18 just to demonstrate that we are in the news as Democrats
19 letting our community know that we are there and we are
20 the majority. I'd be happy to put them in the record.
21 And I wouldn't be here today but for partisans like
22 Valerie Slovin who for years worked alone in a heavy
23 Republican community and finally I became uncomplacent,
24 for lack of a better word, enough to join her, and join
25 her I and many, many others have.

1 To alienate activist Democrats in an area by
2 having a Central Valley ultraconservative Republican who
3 can only reach our area either by going through
4 Tauscher's territory or by arriving on horseback through
5 a canyon from which there are no roads is gerrymandering
6 of the absolute most horrifying sort and what it does
7 with all of the work we activist Democrats are doing to
8 re-register Republicans, and I've brought along many reg
9 forms to prove to you that we will be -- not only do we
10 vote Democrat, we carried Boxer, but we will actually
11 show a significant Democratic voter registration.

12 People are awake. We've come from Berkeley.
13 We've come from Oakland, and we are politically active
14 now. Please don't disenfranchise us. We are the
15 activist arm of Contra Costa County. We provide the
16 energy, we provide the financial support, we also
17 whisper in our Congresswoman or man's ears when their
18 policies seem out of step with progressive Democrats,
19 and they listen to us.

20 They will no longer have anyone to whom they
21 feel beholden to for financial support to influence
22 their policies. It's extremely important that we be
23 given the opportunity to be lockstep with the other
24 Democrats in California to influence an area that not
25 too long ago was Bill Baker NRA country. We've come a

1 long way. Please don't take away the Democratic
2 activists and a significant part of the community.

3 We have an alternative plan. I may be a
4 lawyer and a nurse and a writer and a Democratic
5 activist, but I am not an artist. So forgive me please,
6 Assemblyman Longville. As I mentioned, the only way
7 Mr. Pombo can leave Pombo country to get from Pombo
8 country all the way to the tip of Berkeley which is
9 Orinda is to come on horseback through the Bullinger
10 Canyon.

11 It would be so much easier, don't you think,
12 and certainly it would be consistent with the important
13 community of interest argument to take areas such as
14 Michael suggests, Oakley and Brentwood. These areas are
15 geographical in nature. I know them well. My
16 father-in-law owned agricultural land there at one
17 point. These areas, though they have a slight
18 Democratic voter reg, they actually are quite opposite
19 of our situation. They are trending Republican. And so
20 these areas not only have agricultural interests that
21 are consistent with Mr. Pombo, but philosophically they
22 are much more consistent. By keeping the tip of
23 Berkeley in Contra Costa County we will be the
24 conscience of any lawmakers in Contra Costa County, and
25 I urge you not to lose our voices and not to have us

1 disenfranchised.

2 We want to work with the Democratic party and
3 we have been allowed by nonpartisan officials to hold a
4 re-registration rally and so many Republicans couldn't
5 wait that we got four of these on my doorstep this
6 morning. These are lifelong Republicans who are saying
7 what will take to prove to the folks in Sacramento that
8 we do not vote Republican any more. We'll do whatever
9 it takes. So please. And thank you for this time.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much
11 for taking time. I might ask, Ms. Leach, if you can
12 hold up your drawing one more time so the camera can see
13 it. You say you're not much of artist, but as I look at
14 it, it needs to be colored in, but it remarkably
15 resembles one of the characters in the film "Yellow
16 Submarine." It only needs coloring.

17 MS. LEACH: I hope my mother is watching. My
18 mother is famous artist who showed in the Smithsonian.
19 So perhaps I was incorrect.

20 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: The talent is
21 obvious.

22 MS. LEACH: It's genetic. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: And I would ask, did
24 I correctly hear you indicated Orinda was the third
25 lowest in educational funding?

1 MS. GOODWIN: Third from the bottom as far as
2 the basic revenue limits.

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. In terms of
4 among what universe?

5 MS. GOODWIN: In the State of California.

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: In the entire state?

7 MS. GOODWIN: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Sometimes things that
9 are actually very true can sometimes sound hard to
10 understand.

11 MS. GOODWIN: Right. It is.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I'm having a hard
13 time handling imagining the community where the average
14 citizen is a president of a law school or, excuse me,
15 professor at a law school and president of an education
16 foundation --

17 MS. GOODWIN: That's why we have to really do
18 a lot of local fund raising, et cetera, in order to make
19 up because of the basic, which is another discussion,
20 revenue limits being not even.

21 MS. LEACH: May I enter this in the record?

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Please go ahead, and
23 anything you wanted, if you can hand to the gentleman
24 down here, we'll add those into record. And thank you
25 very much for taking the time to be here and thank you

1 as well for being patient.

2 MS. LEACH: Thank you very much. Appreciate
3 it.

4 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: With that we're going
5 to go, I believe, to Monterey and this is going to be --
6 this will be the beginning of the technical aspect of
7 this. I'm not sure how this is going to work, but,
8 Monterey, can you hear us out there? I'm not sure if we
9 have someone who is standing at a microphone in Monterey
10 to begin. If Mr. Leeper is at the microphone, we'd
11 recognize him.

12 MR. LEEPER: Yes, good afternoon. My name is
13 Ed Leeper. I live in Monterey. I'm the chair of the
14 Save our Peninsula Committee. And the Save our
15 Peninsula Committee and other organizations together
16 with Fred Keeley were instrumental in stopping the
17 construction of a massive dam in Carmel Valley.

18 I will now read my very short statement.
19 With this crazy scheme you people have come up with, if
20 a Democratic Senator is elected in the 15th Senate
21 District, he or she will be from Santa Maria and
22 Monterey County. Santa Cruz county will never be able
23 to elect a Senator.

24 What does Santa Maria have to do with our
25 sanctuary, Big Sur and oil drilling in our sanctuary

1 that Cheney would like to see happen? What you are
2 doing to Fred Keeley, a top elected leader of the
3 Democratic party in California makes as much sense as
4 annexing our fair state to Texas. Thank you very much.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
7 Mr. Leeper, for taking the time. Thank you for your
8 patience.

9 I believe next we have Mr. David Dillworth.
10 Please proceed, sir.

11 MR. DILLWORTH: Good afternoon, Chairman
12 Longville. Thank you very much for holding this hearing
13 locally. My name is David Dillworth. I'm co-chair of
14 Responsible Consumers of the Monterey Peninsula. I'd
15 like to stress it's a non-partisan organization
16 providing education and advocacy for our local area.

17 Teddy Roosevelt said, "If it's not broken,
18 don't fix it." We are very uncomfortable with the
19 dramatic proposed changes to Senate District 15. It
20 would split our Monterey Bay into at least five parts
21 and our district representing the Monterey Peninsula
22 would be some 300 miles long.

23 You can see the map here goes all the way
24 from Santa Barbara County, up through San Luis Obispo,
25 parts of Santa Cruz County up to Santa Clara County. We

1 feel that is too big for a single Senator to take care
2 of. We have a long history of having a Senator from
3 this area represent and be accountable to the very
4 special needs of this area.

5 We respectfully request that you consider
6 keeping the existing boundaries with minor changes for
7 population growth. Some of the support we can provide
8 for that is our federally recognized Council of
9 Governments, AMBAG, recognizes that Santa Cruz and the
10 Monterey Bay Area are the same region, they are the same
11 economic region, they are the same biosystem region, as
12 is also supported by our air district. The Monterey Bay
13 Air Pollution Control District recognizes Santa Cruz and
14 Monterey County, Monterey city, and Monterey Peninsula
15 together.

16 Lastly, we'd like to point out that the
17 marine sanctuary, our Monterey National Marine Sanctuary
18 is here because of the combined efforts of people from
19 the Santa Cruz area and from the Monterey Bay Area. We
20 wonder if the same effort could have been possible if we
21 had been split into different districts. So on behalf
22 of the otters, the whales, the sea lions, the dolphins,
23 we would like to say sanctuary much.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,

1 Mr. Dillworth. And let me note as Ms. Hummel approaches
2 the microphone, before you begin, Ms. Hummel, I'd note
3 that the next people, so they can be getting geared up,
4 will be from San Jose and we will begin with Ms. Jackie
5 Morahashi from the Asian Alliance and then Mr. Matthew
6 Mo from the CAPAFR for Santa Clara County. Excuse me. I'm
7 skipping. I skipped over. The first one before
8 Ms. Morahashi will be Mr. Greg Sellers from the Morgan
9 Hill City Council. I'll just let you become aware so
10 you can kind of be getting ready, and with that,
11 Ms. Hummel, you have the microphone.

12 MS. HUMMEL: Good afternoon, Chairman
13 Longville and committee members. I just want to
14 strongly protest the proposed plan for the 11th and 15th
15 Senate Districts. All the Senators in Monterey County
16 should continue in the same district, as was so
17 eloquently stated by the previous speakers.

18 Our two counties have a community of interest
19 based on tourism, agriculture and the Monterey Bay
20 sanctuary. Now, I feel suddenly disenfranchised. The
21 600,000 people on the Central Coast want to stay
22 together so that our interests won't be subordinated to
23 the large inland cities. Even with the best of
24 intentions the members who represent the areas that are
25 proposed to be formed, their concerns are bound to be

1 dominated by the big inland cities in the Bay Area.

2 Our focus in this area is on ocean resources
3 and is really a benefit for the whole state. That's our
4 specialty. Please do not dismantle our effective
5 action-oriented partnership.

6 I live in part of Santa Cruz County which is
7 the mainly represented by the area over on the bay
8 around San Jose and the part of Santa Cruz County which
9 is in the Congressional District does not feel very well
10 represented. We are kind of an appendage to the main
11 interests of the Bay Area, and we do not feel we want
12 this to happen to our Central Coast counties. Please
13 keep us all in the same district.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
16 Ms. Hummel. On a day like today when the temperature in
17 Sacramento is approaching a hundred, I wish I was with
18 you in Monterey.

19 We will now be moving to San Jose, and Morgan
20 Hill City Council member Greg Sellers I believe will be
21 the next witness. We'll see if this works.

22 Mr. Sellers, can you hear me?

23 MR. SELLERS: I can hear you. Can you hear
24 me?

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: We hear you and we

1 now have you on camera. Please proceed.

2 MR. SELLERS: Thank you. As I mentioned, I'm
3 Greg Sellers. I'm a Morgan Hill City Council member
4 serving as mayor pro tem of that city. I come before
5 you today to ask that you to place Morgan Hill in
6 districts that much more closely relate to our community
7 of interest.

8 The Assembly change that was referred to this
9 morning by Assemblymember Keeley that adds Morgan Hill
10 and San Martin to the coastal 27th district is somewhat
11 problematic, but it certainly falls within what
12 Assemblymember Keeley referred to this morning as a
13 reasonable and necessary adjustment to account for
14 population changes.

15 Though we don't share some of the coastal
16 issues, we have had State Senate representation that has
17 developed a continuity with those areas to our west.
18 However, the State Senate and Congressional changes are
19 far outside what might be considered to be either
20 reasonable or necessary.

21 Because Morgan Hill was seen as a marginal
22 Republican area, and I say marginally because we have
23 strong Democratic representation at all levels despite a
24 relative parity in party registration, Morgan Hill has
25 been added as the tail end of a State Senate and

1 Congressional District with which we share nothing.

2 These changes created for purely partisan reasons, as
3 far as we can tell, effectively eliminate Morgan Hill's
4 representation in the State Senate or in Congress.

5 The proposed State Senate plan snatches
6 Morgan Hill as the northern tip of a district that
7 stretches over 300 miles, we just heard, down into Santa
8 Barbara County.

9 Now, I've vacationed in that area many times.
10 It's a very beautiful area, and I can attest to you that
11 beautiful though it is, it has absolutely nothing in
12 common with Morgan Hill 300 miles to the north.

13 The Congressional lines are, if anything,
14 worse. They lump us in with the 11th District, which
15 you just heard comments about from folks in Orinda, and
16 that district stretches all the way from Dublin and I
17 just heard Orinda all the way down into the San Joaquin
18 Valley.

19 There is certainly no community of interest
20 here. This was merely a blatant effort to loop us in
21 with the Republican district.

22 The three communities of southern Santa Clara
23 County of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy have always
24 throughout history been in the same district. In these
25 configurations, you've separated Morgan Hill from the

1 rest of south Santa Clara County at every single level,
2 and at the Congressional level you have placed Morgan
3 Hill, San Martin and Gilroy each in separate
4 Congressional districts. There is no way, though
5 creative this plan is, that you can tell us that we will
6 have representation at the southern tip or northern tip
7 of these districts.

8 As you may recall, I testified at the
9 Assembly hearing in Seaside and pointed out Morgan Hill
10 is rightly part of Silicon Valley. 80 percent of our
11 workforce leaves town every morning and heads up to
12 Silicon Valley jobs. We are a Silicon Valley community.
13 We deserve Silicon Valley representation. Please do not
14 make Morgan Hill the sacrificial lamb of this year's
15 redistricting. I strongly urge you to reconsider these
16 configurations particularly at the State Senate and
17 Congressional level and return Morgan Hill to districts
18 that will give us the representation we deserve. Thank
19 you.

20 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASHBURN: Now is Jackie
21 Morahashi.

22 MS. MORAHASHI: My name is Jacquelyn
23 Morahashi. I'm a staff attorney with the Asian Law
24 Alliance in San Jose, California. As coordinator of the
25 Santa Clara chapter of the Coalition of Asian Pacific

1 Americans for Fair Redistricting, I would like to thank
2 this committee for not only an open redistricting
3 process, but for listening and incorporating our
4 suggestion into your proposed State Assembly maps.

5 We are very pleased that the City of
6 Cupertino is now kept whole in proposed Assembly
7 District 22. As you know, Cupertino shares many high
8 tech and other common interests with the cities of
9 Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara, including
10 being home to many high tech companies. Cupertino
11 shares school districts with the City of Sunnyvale.
12 That school district is now unified in Assembly District
13 22.

14 We thought that our District 22 was good.
15 Your committee did a wonderful job in making it better.
16 We will be very upset if there were any changes to
17 proposed Assembly District 22.

18 This committee also listened to our concerns
19 about the fragmentation of the Evergreen area of the
20 City of San Jose. Your proposed Assembly District 23 is
21 a good start in unifying the urban areas of the
22 Evergreen area with similar areas in the current
23 Assembly District. However, parts of the urban area of
24 Evergreen are still in Assembly District 28 and have
25 little in common with the agricultural areas in Salinas

1 and Monterey County.

2 Also, as you may be aware, the City of San
3 Jose City Council district that makes up the Evergreen
4 area has an Asian Pacific American population of 44.2
5 percent. The division of this area between proposed
6 Assembly District 23 and 28 seriously fragments the
7 Asian American community.

8 While it may be difficult to incorporate all
9 of the Evergreen area in Assembly District 23, CAPAFR
10 has proposed some modifications that will help reduce
11 this fragmentation. We hope that your committee will
12 incorporate our discussion.

13 Finally, we are seriously concerned about the
14 separation of the Berryessa area of the City of San Jose
15 from City of Milpitas. Residents of Berryessa area go
16 north to Milpitas for their entertainment needs. Both
17 areas have similar transportation, housing and other
18 issues in common.

19 As you may know, the current San Jose City
20 Council district representing this area has almost a 53
21 percent Asian Pacific American population, while the
22 City of Milpitas has an Asian Pacific American
23 population of 51.8 percent.

24 We believe that both of these areas should be
25 kept together in Assembly District 20. Unfortunately,

1 we don't have any suggestions that will ameliorate this
2 problem, and we do not want to undermine any gains that
3 we have achieved in the proposed Assembly Districts 22
4 and 16.

5 We would appreciate your consideration of our
6 concerns in this important matter. Thank you.

7 And also in response to the State Senate and
8 Congressional redistricting process, we would like to be
9 given more time in which to examine maps so that we will
10 be able to give a thoughtful evaluation of these
11 redistricting plans. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
13 We appreciate your taking the time to be here. And
14 before we begin, Mr. Mo, let me just note that our Vice
15 Chair, Assemblymember Roy Ashburn, will be -- you'll be
16 seeing his face up here from time to time as we're
17 moving around the room. One of us will be continuing to
18 chair, and I want to note again that we next have after
19 Mr. Mo will be Mr. Gilbert Wong from Cupertino from the
20 CAPAFR organization of Chinese Americans of the Silicon
21 Valley, followed by, moving to San Francisco,
22 Mr. Christopher Beauman from the 1995 San Francisco
23 Elections Task Force so people can be getting kind of
24 prepared.

25 With that, Mr. Mo, you have the microphone.

1 MR. MO: Good afternoon. My name is Matthew
2 Mo. I have been a resident of the Evergreen area for 17
3 years and spent 10 years in the real estate business in
4 Evergreen.

5 As you may know, Evergreen is an area in the
6 City of San Jose. Thank you listening to CAPAFR Santa
7 Clara County and to my concerns about the division of
8 the Evergreen area between Assembly District 23 and 28.

9 One of the proposed Assembly District 23
10 places most of the Evergreen area in District 23. There
11 are still important portions of the Evergreen area that
12 are left stranded in a proposed Assembly District 28.
13 We thank the Assembly for taking a half step in the
14 right direction. We ask that Assembly finish what they
15 started, bringing Evergreen into District 23. We urge
16 the Elections and Reapportionment Committee to commit to
17 bringing all of the urban and lower middle income areas
18 of the Evergreen area into the Assembly District 23.
19 These areas have more in common with the current
20 Assembly District 23 than the more rural and
21 agricultural areas such as Monterey and Salinas in
22 Assembly District 28.

23 As I mentioned in prior testimony before this
24 committee, the Evergreen people belong to the urban
25 community of San Jose. We go west to San Jose and other

1 parts of the Assembly District 23 for our work,
2 business, shopping, dining, culture and even education.
3 We share the same transportation and other concerns with
4 the people who live in Assembly District 23. For these
5 reasons, it is very important for the rest of the
6 Evergreen area community to be brought into Assembly
7 District 23. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
9 Mr. Mo. We appreciate your taking the time to be here.

10 I believe Mr. Wong is next.

11 MR. WONG: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Please go ahead and
13 identify yourself for the record and testify.

14 MR. WONG: Good afternoon. Thank you for
15 letting me speak today in response to the proposed State
16 Assembly redistricting plan. My name Gilbert Wong and I
17 am speaking on behalf as a Cupertino resident and as a
18 CAPAFR member. I was born and raised here in Santa
19 Clara Valley. I've been a Cupertino resident since
20 1991. I have been very active in my community, and I am
21 a board member of the organization of Chinese Americans
22 of Silicon Valley. Currently I am a property manager
23 for my family with units in east San Jose, downtown San
24 Jose, Almaden Valley, Cupertino and Sunnyvale.

25 Growing up in east San Jose, Los Gatos,

1 Cupertino as well as working in Silicon Valley, I'm very
2 familiar with the knowledge of the whole Santa Clara
3 Valley. As a Cupertino resident, I thank you for
4 listening and responding to our concerns from the
5 residents of the City of Cupertino.

6 I am very pleased with the proposed Assembly
7 map of District 22. The City of Cupertino is finally
8 unified in Assembly District 22 and no longer divided in
9 Assembly District 22 and 24. Assembly District 22 that
10 the committee has proposed makes a lot of sense. The
11 City of Cupertino is now with the cities of Sunnyvale,
12 Mountain View, Santa Clara. We share similar
13 communities of interest.

14 For example, the Cupertino Union School
15 District and the Fremont Union High School District are
16 now unified in Assembly District 22. Also, all of these
17 cities share high tech interests and are home of
18 companies such as Apple, Compaq, Applied Materials, Sun
19 Micro, Yahoo, Intel, et cetera.

20 For the Asian American population, the area
21 has become a real community for us. We have built
22 businesses, homes, our families, our social network and
23 our political futures are here. The proposed District
24 22 increases our representation to 33.23 percent of the
25 total population.

1 As a Cupertino resident and a member of
2 CAPAFR Santa Clara County, we support the proposed
3 Assembly District 22. We thank you for paying attention
4 to our comments and urge you in the final two weeks
5 before the Assembly map is voted on not to back pedal on
6 our concerns in the proposal of Assembly District 22.
7 Thank you for your time, sir.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
9 We appreciate you taking the trouble to be here with us
10 today and we now move to San Francisco. I believe
11 Mr. Christopher Beauman will be next, followed by
12 Ms. Zenobia Lai from the Coalition of Asian Pacific
13 Americans for Redistricting and followed by
14 Ms. Christina Wong from Chinese for Affirmative Action,
15 also in San Francisco, and then we'll be moving back to
16 Sacramento for a witness or two. So, Mr. Beauman, you
17 are up next.

18 MR. BEAUMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
19 Longville and Vice Chairman Ashburn. I'm Chris Beauman.
20 I served on the Elections Task Force of 1995 which drew
21 the lines of district elections in San Francisco after a
22 20-year hiatus. I have a 12-page letter which comprises
23 the extent of my remarks which I've given to your clerk.

24 I would like to first thank you for having
25 these remote sites. This is the first time I think that

1 redistricting has been done this way, and I think that
2 that is a major step forward. It's very difficult for
3 people to come all the way up to Sacramento,
4 particularly after Labor Day weekend.

5 Secondarily, I want to thank you for having
6 the maps available on the website several days before
7 the hearing. 10 years ago when we attended the
8 redistricting hearing, the maps were distributed one
9 hour after the hearing convened, and I don't think
10 members of the public even had an opportunity to look at
11 them before they had to testify on them. So that's a
12 major step forward.

13 I would like to say some technical things
14 before we get into the lines. The first thing is that
15 the maps that were on websites were not terribly
16 detailed, and unfortunately the programs that you had,
17 unless you had specific programming, could not be
18 downloadable. So a lot of this is guesswork based on
19 how well I could interpret the maps and extrapolate, but
20 I'm not certain that everything I saw was exactly what
21 it is there. We will need those exact lines when we do
22 reprecincting in San Francisco later this year.

23 Secondarily, I am concerned that you have
24 kept the districts within like plus or minus, I mean
25 some of them are almost identical in the number of

1 population plus or minus about three or four people,
2 some of them vary as much as about 30 people per
3 district.

4 The Voting Rights Acts of the federal and
5 state level and case law permit a one to five percent
6 variance. I think sort of slavish dependence on no
7 variance between the size of the district means that
8 you're going to divide neighborhoods, you're going to
9 increase the likelihood that ethnic voting blocs are
10 going to be divided or diluted. So I would hope if you
11 get testimony here where it does not completely add up
12 right to the number that you take into account so you
13 provide some variance.

14 Finally, just on the plans in general, I
15 think the Board of Equalization plan is fine. I think
16 it covers communities of interest and it makes a lot of
17 sense.

18 The Assembly plan is probably the best of the
19 three other plans from the standpoint of representing
20 communities of interest and having compact districts.

21 A couple things about the Bay Area and then
22 we'll move on to the Senate districts. San Francisco is
23 divided between the 12th and 13th Assembly districts.
24 The lines were essentially identical to what they were
25 10 years ago with a couple of exceptions. I don't know

1 if you can see the map over here, but maybe you can zoom
2 in. I don't know if you can see it. Basically
3 Visitation Valley was provided and half it was moved
4 into the 13th district, Bernal Heights was reunited and
5 put into the 13th district. Diamond Heights and Glen
6 Park which previously were all in the 12th district were
7 divided and half of it put into the 13th and half kept
8 in the 12th district.

9 The most conservative precinct in the 13th
10 district on the top of Twin Peaks was moved to the 12th
11 district and then Anza Vista was divided in half, part
12 of it going to the 13th district.

13 In fact, what you've done is you unified one
14 neighborhood and you've divided four neighborhoods in
15 the process and it's unnecessary. My recommendation
16 would be that you put all Visitation Valley back into
17 District 12. You also increase the number of registered
18 voters for Asian American by so doing. Secondly,
19 that you put all of Diamond Heights and Glen Park into
20 the 13th district, you move the Twin Peaks precinct back
21 into the 13th district, you move Anza Vista back into
22 the 12th districts and there is two precincts over in
23 the Western Addition that you move from the 12th
24 district to the 13th district. I checked the population
25 figures, and plus or minus, you're looking about a

1 hundred to two hundred of your totals.

2 In the East Bay, there is an effort to
3 basically increase the number of African Americans in
4 the ninth district or, rather, the 16th district from
5 roughly 28 percent to 30 percent. You can do better. I
6 looked at the data, and you can get a district that's 34
7 and a half percent African American by creating a
8 compact district. Let me put this up.

9 What you see currently is the boundaries that
10 you were proposing which include the island of Alameda
11 and parts of Oakland and Piedmont, but not all of
12 Oakland. By eliminating Alameda, which is only six
13 percent African American, eliminating the area around
14 the airport, west of Nimitz, and by adding the rest of
15 the east Oakland and north Oakland and the southern
16 precincts or census tracts in Berkeley, you will create
17 a 34-and-a-half-percent African American district. Now,
18 mind you, that will have ramifications for all the
19 districts surrounding, but I do think that given the
20 fact that there are currently no African Americans in
21 the Legislature from the Bay Area that it's really
22 incumbent that you try to create a district to optimize
23 this African American voting power in Oakland.

24 A couple of things, and I'm sorry to take so
25 long, but we have the situation of the 15th Assembly

1 District which is being vacated by Assemblywoman Lynn
2 Leach, and what's happening there is that Manteca is
3 being added to the district via cow pass 40 miles away.
4 There is no road that connects Manteca to Alameda and
5 Contra Costa County except by going outside the district
6 through Tracy. What you have done effectively is create
7 a gerrymander there, and that should not happen.
8 Manteca belongs in the valley. It does not belong with
9 Orinda.

10 Then there is the issue in the 24th and 21st
11 Assembly districts down in Silicon Valley. My
12 recommendation would be that you add Saratoga so it's
13 linked to Monte Sereno and Los Gatos and transfer it
14 from the 21st to 24th districts. And that there is some
15 additional changes that could be done there. Again,
16 you're looking for communities of interest.

17 Let me go to the State Senate. Again, it's a
18 problem that we don't have enough detail in the maps.
19 Districts 3 and 8 which are in San Francisco, if you
20 look at the map carefully, it appears that part of the
21 upper Market which is heavily gay is being divided
22 between the two districts. Under the previous district
23 10 years ago, the gay community was uniformly put in
24 both the 13th Assembly District and 3rd Senate District,
25 and I have recommended that continue.

1 There are more comments as well I can't
2 really remember.

3 Finally, on the issue of Congress, you've
4 heard a lot about Districts 10 and 11. That's
5 Tauscher's's district, Pombo's district. It makes
6 absolutely no sense to create a district that looks like
7 an inverted horseshoe in San Joaquin County which is
8 basically the vestiges of Pombo's district and then
9 combine it again by 40 miles of cow pastures and a pass
10 to Orinda and to Moraga and Lafayette. Those
11 communities belong in the tri-valley area. They should
12 not be separated or combined with basically very
13 conservative rural areas in the Central Valley.

14 So basically that's it. I think it's really
15 important, though, if you look at your ethnic minorities
16 to make sure that you look at the registered voters
17 rather than the number of populations, because the two
18 are different for Hispanics and Asian Americans and,
19 frankly, in the Assembly plan, Hispanics and African
20 Americans did not fare well and there were very few
21 Asian American districts. There was only one Asian
22 American. That was 28 percent Asian.

23 Thank you very much.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
25 Mr. Beauman. We appreciate your comments, and both your

1 substantive comments and also, candidly, I'm also very
2 happy to hear your comments with regards to the greater
3 time notice we have provided this year than last decade
4 and the pleasure you have with the hookup.

5 At this time Ms. Lai. Am I pronouncing it
6 correctly?

7 MS. LAI: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: You are?

9 MS. LAI: Mr. Chairman, my name is Zenobia
10 Lai. I'm testifying on behalf of the San Francisco
11 region of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for
12 Fair Redistricting. I'm the executive director of the
13 Asian Law Caucus. The Asian Law Caucus is a civil
14 rights legal organization based in San Francisco. It
15 has been in existence since 1972. The Asian Law Caucus
16 has throughout its history represented many low income
17 Asian immigrants on many different issues ranging from
18 immigration concerns to housing, public benefits,
19 employment labor and access to government programs.

20 Today, I'm going to comment on the State
21 Assembly redistricting proposal. The proposed Assembly
22 district plans for Districts 12 and 13 has significant
23 implication for San Francisco Asian Pacific American
24 community. The State Assembly proposal for District 12,
25 while it unites the Philippine American community in

1 Daly City with the western half of San Francisco, it
2 also reaches east to include Excelsior and the
3 Visitation Valley neighborhoods.

4 Although this proposed plan would increase
5 the percentage of Asian Pacific Americans in District
6 12, it splits off the Excelsior and Visitation Valley
7 neighborhoods from the Chinatown neighborhoods. The
8 proposal also splits the Latino community into two
9 districts and further dissected the communities of
10 interest shared among the lower income communities of
11 color and immigrants of the eastern half of San
12 Francisco.

13 The District 13 proposed by State Assembly
14 would leave the Chinatown district stranded and
15 diminishes the political visibility of this community.

16 On August 15th CAPAFR, presented statewide
17 redistricting maps to the State Assembly. In this plan
18 we proposed a District 12 that incorporates much of the
19 Filipino American community in Daly City to south of San
20 Francisco similar to the State Assembly plan.

21 The CAPAFR's proposed District 12 would unite
22 the western portions of San Francisco, including Sunset,
23 Richmond and Pacific Heights in the north and the
24 northern part of Daly City to the south. The proposal
25 unites neighborhoods that have high income communities

1 and more residential land use. These neighborhoods
2 share common housing concerns, community and public
3 transportation issues, have similar shop patterns and
4 need for culturally sensitive and accessible health
5 services and should be united as a community of
6 interest.

7 The District 13 proposed by CAPAFR unites the
8 neighborhoods of Chinatown, the Mission, Bay View
9 Hunters Point, Visitation Valley and Excelsior. These
10 neighborhoods have many lower income and immigrant
11 communities with mixed business and residential use
12 patterns, a greater need for bilingual and culturally
13 sensitive social and health care services. The CAPAFR
14 proposal also unites the lesbian, gay, transexual and
15 transgender community in Diamonds Heights, Glen Park and
16 Bernal Heights. It also holds intact the Latino
17 community in the city.

18 The proposal also keeps together Chinatown,
19 Excelsior and Visitation Valley neighborhoods where
20 there are large concentrations of Asian Pacific
21 Americans and unites these community of interests in the
22 area. Many Asian Pacific Americans who have bought
23 homes in the working class neighborhood in Excelsior and
24 Visitation Valley started out as renter in Chinatown,
25 south of Market or the Mission. They still return to

1 Chinatown for shopping, socialization and services. In
2 fact, the muni bus 98 was put in place to directly
3 connect these neighborhoods with Chinatown.

4 These three neighborhoods have more in
5 common, in addition to sharing common interests with the
6 Latino community in this area. Indeed, many social
7 service agencies in Chinatown have begun to put
8 satellite offices in Vis Valley with the goal of
9 facilitating services delivery between Chinatown and the
10 southern neighborhoods.

11 The Asian Pacific American community in
12 Visitation Valley and Excelsior comprises working class
13 families whose homes are modest in price and whose
14 social needs are different from their affluent
15 counterparts in Richmond and Sunset districts. For all
16 intents and purposes, the Visitation Valley, Excelsior
17 and Chinatown should be considered one community whose
18 interests and concerns are alike.

19 In closing, I urge the members of the State
20 Assembly to consider the common interests shared by the
21 Asian Pacific American communities in Chinatown,
22 Visitation Valley and Excelsior neighborhoods and the
23 Latino and African American communities and keep these
24 communities of interest together in District 13 so that
25 interests will be better served.

1 I also urge the members of the Assembly to
2 consider the plan by CAPAFR that holds community
3 interests together and maintains ethnic communities'
4 political visibility.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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7 (Whereupon the following proceedings were
8 reported by Valerie L. Nunemacher, CSR.)

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10 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
11 Ms. Lai. We appreciate you taking the time to be here.
12 Next we have Ms. Christina Wong, and the identification
13 I have listed is - it may be missing a word, ma'am. It
14 says Chinese for Affirmative Action. I've got a hunch
15 there's a word missing there, or is that accurate?

16 MS. WONG: That's correct.

17 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Oh, okay.

18 MS. WONG: That's correct.

19 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Oh, okay. Thank you
20 very much and you have the microphone.

21 MS. WONG: Okay. Thank you. My name is
22 Christina Wong. I'm a policy advocate at Chinese for
23 Affirmative Action. We've been in existence since 1969
24 providing social services and civil rights advocacy in
25 basically basin to Chinatown San Francisco area. In the

1 last three years we actually opened a satellite office
2 in Visitation Valley, and I wanted to share concerns
3 about the current lines that are being drawn between
4 District 13 and District 12.

5 As Zenobia mentioned, District 12 captures a
6 huge portion of Visitation Valley, and there's a small
7 portion that's in District 13. That's incredibly
8 problematic because at least in the last three years I
9 can testify that the community has become stronger, more
10 united across ethnic and racial lines, has so much more
11 in common as a community that they're advocating on
12 behalf of the abused children and families trying to
13 increase child care, after school programs, planning for
14 Greenbrae projects and neighborhood improvements. And
15 we struggled with so many different issues it would be
16 really a pity to see the community divided along these
17 lines.

18 Also Visitation Valley has an immense
19 commonalty with the Chinatown community and the Mission
20 District. If you take a look at -- well, you have this
21 already too, District 12 and District 13, this is where
22 Visitation Valley is, and thousands and thousands of
23 residents from Visitation Valley every morning and every
24 evening take the 9 San Bruno to and from Chinatown.

25 Chinatown is still where they work, where

1 they access social services, where they still have
2 incredible family ties. It would be really a -- it
3 would be a shame to sort of break this apart since they
4 have so much in common. So I would urge the committee
5 to not only keep Visitacion Valley in one district, but
6 more so to keep that an entire community within
7 District 13. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
9 Ms. Wong. We appreciate it. I also want to extend my
10 compliments to the camera operator in San Francisco who
11 has been successful in getting good close zooms in on
12 the maps that people have been showing us. Appreciate
13 that. It makes it much easier for us to work with.

14 We're going to come back to Sacramento and I
15 have Mr. David Williams from the Citizens Against
16 Gerrymandering who will be followed by -- and I explain
17 my -- you'll notice I'm looking off to the side, not
18 looking into the camera. I'm reading one of the
19 monitors here. They're trying to make me part of the
20 MTV generation with all this input. Mr. Don Lowrie from
21 Fairfield representing the Solano County Democratic
22 Central Committee followed by Vice Mayor Jane Bruner of
23 the City of Oakland. And then we will move back to
24 Monterey with Paul Elrich being the first witness from
25 Aptos.

1 At this time Mr. Williams, if he's in the
2 room. All right. If Mr. Williams is not in the room we
3 will go to Mr. Don Lowrie in the room? And I assume
4 this is Mr. Lowrie coming forward, okay. And just so
5 people can be kind of queued up, Vice Mayor Bruner will
6 be next unless Mr. Williams is -- well, Vice Mayor
7 Bruner will be next, and then we'll take Mr. Williams
8 after that if he shows up again, and then we will move
9 to Monterey. So with that, Mr. Don Lowrie you are up.

10 MR. LOWRIE: Thank you, Mr. Chair and members
11 of the committee. My name is Donald Lowrie, spelling of
12 the last name is L-o-w-r-i-e, and I represent the Solano
13 County Democratic Central Committee on a formal basis,
14 more informally many of our local elected officials.

15 First, I wish to compliment the committee's
16 work on keeping incorporated communities together this
17 time. As I reported when I testified before you before,
18 the last redistricting split several of our cities.
19 This time you kept them together and I appreciate that.
20 I wish to comment briefly on the maps.

21 The Assembly District plan for Solano County
22 is quite satisfactory. The only comment I would make is
23 that you may wish to look at taking the unincorporated
24 area to the west of Vacaville and putting that in
25 District 8 instead of District 7 because their entire

1 link is with the City of Vacaville rather than Napa
2 County. And I believe there are at most a few hundred
3 people there, so it would not affect your population
4 figures that much.

5 In the Senate District lines, the concerns
6 that we have are with the two areas that come up, one is
7 that the City of Rio Vista is placed in District 2 which
8 otherwise contains the cities of Vallejo and Benicia.
9 And I mention this partly because there's little
10 commonality between the two, but also Rio Vista's sister
11 city right across the way is put in District 5. And
12 that is relevant primarily because District 5 also takes
13 in a large chunk of Solano County, and the logic of
14 cutting out a city in this fashion escapes us. We would
15 urge you to reconsider the lines slightly and put Rio
16 Vista together with the rest of Eastern Solano County.

17 I would also encourage you to look at your
18 district boundaries between Senate Districts 2 and 5
19 because by following Senate limit lines as you have done
20 on the western end of -- western edges of Fairfield and
21 Vacaville, I have to tell you that the cities in Solano
22 County do have much growth ahead of them. They're still
23 annexing land, and it appears you're following current
24 city limit lines which would mean almost inevitably by
25 the end of the district we will have cities split again

1 just by the natural growth of the cities.

2 I do know some of us are a little concerned
3 about being in District 5 because we have no
4 relationship with the San Joaquin area, but given that
5 we are kept with Yolo County and other traditional
6 communities I think we can adapt if that continues to be
7 the case.

8 When it comes to the Congressional Districts,
9 however, we are very concerned with those lines. We
10 will be losing a very valued representative in Mike
11 Thompson. I realize that is not officially a concern,
12 however, we do express our concern in losing him. We
13 are concerned that the Congressional District 3 which is
14 proposed, again like the Senate District does, it takes
15 Rio Vista away from its sister City of Isleton and other
16 Solano County cities and places it by itself in a
17 district which as has been defined was stretched from
18 the Napa County border to the Nevada state border, and
19 we're having trouble understanding the community of
20 interest argument there.

21 We do suggest that you strive for some more
22 compactness there so that we're linked with more logical
23 neighbors. And in terms of Districts 7 and 10 community
24 of interest issues we -- one question we do have is
25 how -- what is the logic in District 7 bypassing

1 Fairfield and coming north to pick up the City of
2 Vacaville, going through the unincorporated areas.
3 There seems to be not much logic in this leapfrogging of
4 cities in the maps between District 7 and 10 because the
5 same thing happens with District 10 taking in
6 Fairfield/Suisun communities bypassing Vacaville and
7 taking in Dixon.

8 If we must have District 7 and 10 there
9 should be perhaps more logic, you know, in compactness
10 between the two. And while we understand that there is
11 presumably some wisdom in the configuration of
12 District 10, quite frankly we would like to hear the
13 arguments as to how the cities of Dixon, Walnut Grove,
14 Livermore, El Cerrito and Walnut Creek have similar
15 communities of interest.

16 The only thing we have been able to come up
17 with is that I-80 in Solano County has similar bad
18 traffic problems as I-680 in Contra Costa County. Other
19 than that we're failing to understand the logic of
20 putting us in that district. Perhaps something that is
21 more compact either the -- a district with Mike
22 Thompson, a district with George Miller which is right
23 across the bay from us, or if we must O.C. district that
24 is similar to what he has now rather than wrapping
25 around the City of Sacramento.

1 We hope that you will take some of our
2 concerns into account and try to at least get a little
3 more logically compact plans. I am having trouble
4 explaining to my constituents why it is that Dixon and
5 Fairfield are together in a district and Vacaville is in
6 a district with Vallejo and Rio Vista is in a district
7 with counties along Lake Tahoe.

8 So hopefully you will bring those concerns to
9 the Senate committee and help us get a little more
10 understandable districts. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
12 Mr. Lowrie. And next would be Vice Mayor Bruner. I
13 would note as she is approaching that although many
14 factors that went into the lines that you have before
15 you today and which of course are not final and in many
16 cases will be tweaked, I think that Mr. Lowrie correctly
17 noted that we did make extraordinary efforts to attempt
18 to avoid splitting cities where we thought it was not
19 necessary to do so in order to comply with some other,
20 for example, Voting Rights Act requirement or something
21 of that sort, and that city lines unlike county lines
22 are set at the local level.

23 And so we attempted to try and respect those
24 as much as possible as they do represent some local
25 decisions that have been made as to where people feel

1 boundaries might be appropriate. And in every case we
2 tried as much as possible including in cases where it
3 seemed feasible to avoid a problem which Mr. Lowrie just
4 described of a district being -- of the municipality
5 being in one district at the beginning of a decade and
6 then being split as the decade continued and annexations
7 take place.

8 We have also attempted in cases where we
9 thought we could do so to actually follow sphere of
10 influence lines set by local agency formation
11 commissions in between cities where we draw through
12 unincorporated areas, and so that will hopefully
13 minimize that problem as well. Thank you very much for
14 your comments, and with that, Vice Mayor, we welcome you
15 here and you have the microphone.

16 VICE MAYOR BRUNER: Thank you very much,
17 thank you for having me today. I am vice mayor of the
18 City of Oakland and I am running for assemblyseat
19 District 14. I am the only announced woman candidate at
20 this time, and I am the lead candidate. I've raised the
21 most money and I am the frontrunner. I have a big
22 problem for me, a small problem for you. My house has
23 been put out of the district by one and a half blocks in
24 the redistricting, and there is a little blip that you
25 can see that part of North Oakland has stayed in and

1 some has been taken out. So I'm concerned about that
2 elimination.

3 I have lived in the 14th District for 30
4 years. I was a public school teacher in the 14th
5 District. I raised my children in the 14th District.
6 I'm now a labor attorney. I work in the 14th District.
7 I represent the 14th District. My request of this
8 committee is as you look at all this redistricting if
9 the house can be moved back in by two blocks that would
10 be appreciated by me. I have lived there for 25 years
11 and I prefer not to have to move in order to run for the
12 14th District. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
14 We appreciate you taking the time to be here and to wait
15 around as well. We will see what we can do.

16 We next move to -- is Mr. Williams in the
17 room? Okay. Mr. David Williams from Livermore of
18 Citizens Against Gerrymander. Okay. Then our next will
19 be -- if he's not here we're going to move back to
20 Monterey. And I have from the Santa Cruz County
21 Democratic Central Committee the chair of that
22 committee, Mr. Paul Elrich from Aptos.

23 You know, I'm embarrassed to admit I don't
24 know which way people locally pronounce it, but I'm sure
25 he will illuminate me. And he will be followed by

1 Mr. Matt Friday from the 27th Assembly District
2 Democratic Committee Coalition of Minority Organizations
3 and followed by two more witnesses from Monterey,
4 Mr. Crawson and Ms. Ognyanovich, I hope something close
5 to that, and then we'll be going back to San Francisco.
6 So with that, Mr. Elrich, you're up.

7 PAUL ELRICH: Good afternoon, my name is Paul
8 Elrich. I am the chair of the Democratic Central
9 Committee and serving in my fourth year in that
10 capacity. In that capacity I would like to read a
11 letter that the Democratic Central Committee of Santa
12 Cruz County has sent to Governor Davis this morning. It
13 was also faxed to Senator Burton and Assembly
14 (inaudible) it goes like this. The substantive letter
15 is proposed redistricting plans for the 15th Senate
16 District. Dear Governor Davis, the Democratic Senate
17 Committee of Santa Cruz County retains the position in
18 opposition to the published redistricting plan for the
19 15th State Senate District. It is the Committee's
20 opinion that Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties are being
21 dealt an unfair hand by this proposal.

22 One, the Democratic party in both counties
23 will not be (inaudible). The proposed redistricting
24 plan does not factor in the communities of interest in
25 Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. It clearly weakens

1 the Democrats' strength in each county for no apparent
2 reason. If there is a benefit to the proposal it's not
3 apparent nor has it been explained to us. In fact, the
4 current proposal may be illegal.

5 Therefore it is the Santa Cruz County Central
6 Committee membership's intent to resign our elected
7 position for the 15th Assembly District as gerrymandered
8 as being proposed. Governor Davis and others, please do
9 not let this happen. We are lifelong Democrats. Many
10 have had a (inaudible) campaign going back to FDR, John
11 Kennedy.

12 We have workers who host fund-raisers, walk
13 precincts, register voters, by the way, over 100,000 in
14 the area of Santa Cruz County. Over 100,000 Democrats
15 have been registered in Santa Cruz. We promote the
16 (inaudible) Democratic parties that protested the stolen
17 election last November.

18 Santa Cruz County voted 61.4 percent for Al
19 Gore in 2000 and you, Governor Davis, received nearly 66
20 percent of the Santa Cruz County vote in 1998. That's
21 an example of our ability to get out the vote for the
22 Democrats. We continue to follow through with the
23 resignations (inaudible) in place, and is signed
24 respectfully by me, Paul Elrich, Chair of Democratic
25 Central Committee. And there's a signature list that

1 includes 23 of 24 members of the committee. The woman
2 that didn't sign was in San Jose. She had a sick child,
3 and I'm sure she would sign. And I want to thank the
4 committee and thank you for hearing this testimony
5 today, and please, please pay attention to the 15th
6 city.

7 (Applause)

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
9 Mr. Elrich, and I believe we will next have Mr. Matt
10 Friday. And by the way, as he's approaching the podium
11 I would like to take a moment to thank all the community
12 colleges throughout California who have made their
13 facilities available for these remote testimony
14 locations. We greatly appreciate it. Just one more of
15 the already well-recognized ways in which our community
16 colleges contribute to the social life and functioning
17 and many other ways of the State of California, and we
18 appreciate it. With that, Mr. Friday.

19 MR. FRIDAY: Hello, Chairman Longville.
20 Thank you very much for you and members of the committee
21 for hosting the possibility for those of us around the
22 northern part of the state. As a good Democratic,
23 Chairman Longville, I would like to describe for you
24 what I can easily imagine as a good Democrat what this
25 room is made up of. There are about 60 to 75 activists

1 here. Good folks with signs in many cases, people who
2 basically are probably about 50 to 65 or 70.

3 We don't have many young people, and in fact
4 I don't know how I'm going to be able to explain to
5 young people that the Democratic party, a principal to
6 the party will not hear their voice and in fact that
7 very voice has been strangled, has been minimized.

8 How can I invite them into a Democratic party
9 into this area to fight for the environmentalism, for
10 the social services issues that define Santa Cruz and
11 Monterey counties as a continuous goal that over the
12 last several years, the last ten or twelve years, many
13 of us here have worked specifically on social justice
14 issues combining the concerns of the union members who
15 are in this room, in the UFW, with the land use and
16 environmental concerns. And I'm wondering what it is
17 that we can say to you that will make you change your
18 mind.

19 What are the words that will make you
20 reconsider these district boundaries that will bring us
21 back to the counties that we know and the Senate
22 Districts we know and an Assembly District that holds us
23 all together. As it is we will be divided up into four
24 and five district jurisdictions (inaudible) includes
25 Salinas which in Monterey County these are areas that

1 are already subject to the Voters Rights Act and how we
2 have discriminated against Latino voters in the past.
3 (inaudible) communities of interest. It's a terrible
4 thing that's being done to those people who have served
5 as visionaries for the California Democratic Party.

6 This year I received the state volunteer
7 award for the Democratic Party and (inaudible) 25th
8 Assembly District (inaudible) organizations. There is
9 no way that I can explain to the members what you have
10 done to us or why it is being done. I urge you now and
11 in the coming days to reconsider these boundaries to
12 keep us together to help us (inaudible) that we
13 established that allows the environmentalism and social
14 justice that's defining our communities over the last
15 decade. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

16 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
17 Thank you very much, Mr. Friday, and I believe we'll
18 have Mr. John Crawson next.

19 A quick note, by the way, as has been pointed
20 out. By the way, these are not the final boundaries and
21 we are looking forward to being able to doing some
22 tweaking here and there and maybe even more than
23 tweaking in some cases, but I would note there was a
24 question asked a little bit earlier I believe that
25 people at all locations are able to hear the testimony

1 from different places.

2 And one of the witnesses in San Francisco had
3 noted that although he appreciated having the maps on
4 the website, they did not give sufficient detail to see
5 all the streets, which is of course true. I would note
6 that since these are still going to be tweaked we wanted
7 to get a good idea of the approximate boundaries out
8 there.

9 This is the first time this has ever been
10 done in redistricting. We assume the next decade the
11 software will be that much more improved and you'll even
12 have a more detailed availability with higher resolution
13 on computer monitors and everything to see these lines
14 better. With that, Mr. Crawson, you are up and have the
15 microphone, sir.

16 MR. CRAWSON: Thank you very much. My name
17 is Josh Crawson. I'm a past chair of the Santa Cruz
18 County Democratic Central Committee, and since 1993
19 until March of this year I was director of Region 9 in
20 the California Democratic party. Region 9 is the 27th
21 and 28th Assembly Districts. I hope the Governor does
22 not sign it. I do not want the Governor to sign it the
23 way it is proposed.

24 I want it to remain exactly the way it is
25 (inaudible) with the 27th and 28th Assembly Districts.

1 Let me give you an example how (inaudible). I live in a
2 small town in Northern Santa Cruz County. It's called
3 San Lorenzo Valley. There are three towns in there from
4 north to south, it's Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond and
5 Felton. There is a distance between us of about eleven
6 miles. There are not too many people there.

7 If a kid catches a cold in Boulder Creek and
8 is diagnosed with a cold in Boulder Creek, 45 minutes
9 later there's five cases of pneumonia in Felton, it's
10 that close. But this is just an example of how stupid
11 this plan is that was put together by the brain trust.
12 I read in the paper that Governor Davis has \$30 million.
13 He could probably get 60 or \$70 million, (inaudible)
14 they had plenty of money, but they're not -- the latest
15 point is they've got to redistrict and Gray Davis has
16 not gone away without district covering costs.

17 The way the district is cut up now and gutted
18 we have turned it over to the Green Party and the Greens
19 will take it over. (inaudible) reassure which would
20 (inaudible) first (inaudible) focused early (inaudible)
21 hopes that this will not take current district as well
22 as (inaudible) adequately out of famous words and space
23 (inaudible) keep the faith. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
25 Mr. Crawson, and it's a pleasure for me in addition to

1 the substantive questions you're addressing, to hear so
2 many supporters of my good friend Assemblymember Keeley
3 out in the audience today.

4 (Applause)

5 We will next be having Ms. Kathrina
6 Ognyanovich, and she's speaking in Monterey. Let me
7 give you a heads up that we will then go to San
8 Francisco where we will have two witnesses, Ms. Fran
9 Martin, Ms. Julie Kavanagh. We will then go to San Jose
10 with Mr. Craig Mann. And I just alert you to that
11 because I am going to have to turn over the chair to
12 another member in a moment so that I can run down to the
13 Assembly floor and add on to some votes as they are
14 adjourned. I have to add on or I miss voting together.
15 With that, Ms. Ognyanovich, I hope I haven't
16 mispronounced your name too badly.

17 MS. OGNYANOVICH: No, on the contrary, I'm
18 very impressed. You really did very good. Thank you so
19 much for this. This is an official (inaudible) college.
20 I want to thank you for your nice remarks and
21 recognition of the importance of community colleges, and
22 I hope when you talk about budgets in Sacramento please
23 keep in mind, keep our educations (inaudible).

24 My name is Kathrina Ognyanovich. I am here
25 because I have since 1980 involved in this community as

1 an elected trustee of the school board and also with
2 (inaudible). And I am here also the chair of political
3 chair of NAACP and vice chair of California Democratic
4 party (inaudible). In my experience as a woman, as a
5 (inaudible) here whatever we build in this country we
6 destroy.

7 I don't think we should destroy what we have
8 built for so many years starting with assemblyman and
9 congressman and Assemblyman Fred Keeley. I want to tell
10 you the first time Assemblyman Keeley ran for the
11 Assembly District. He was not known. It was tough for
12 us. It was very scary from the very beginning to really
13 get him quite here. But Fred knew the area. Fred knew
14 what was going on here. Why did he know it? Because we
15 have both areas (inaudible) issues, the same needs and
16 Fred knew to this (inaudible) here he always protected
17 interests of both sides, Santa Cruz and Monterey County.

18 The issues we all work together as a team
19 because similar issues, similar needs, in education of
20 (inaudible) our colleges -- have colleges, Monterey
21 Peninsula College work very hard, very close together
22 with some good program going on (inaudible) institutions
23 helping us on both sides. If you stop with the -- this
24 (inaudible) and our own residents.

25 We have many needs. (inaudible) I worked

1 with Watsonville. I worked with Santa Cruz, and many,
2 many others are still working, these social needs need
3 to be, needs to be continued, program must go on. We
4 have to sell people, and the only way to continue
5 selling people would be to let us stay together because
6 (inaudible) natural we all new way. We all know each
7 other. We all work together and we all can produce very
8 good (inaudible). And I thank you for this opportunity
9 and know that (inaudible). Thank you so much.

10 SENATOR BRULTE: Mr. Longville has had to
11 leave to go to the Assembly floor, so I'll be presiding
12 for a while. We will now go to San Francisco, Ms. Fran
13 Martin.

14 MS. MARTIN: First I would like to relay a
15 message from Linda Lopez who had to leave. She was
16 planning to speak next. Linda's director of children's
17 programs at the Visitation Valley Community Center. She
18 has lived in the valley for 27 years and worked there
19 for 13 years. She is concerned about the proposed
20 redistricting which will split our community when we are
21 finally making progress. She urged that Visitation
22 Valley belong to one district.

23 My name is Fran Martin. I'm with the
24 Visitation Valley Greenbrae project and the Visitation
25 Valley Planning Alliance, both of which enjoyed the

1 support of a great many valley residents and are
2 inclusive of all the diverse cultures in this valley.

3 We urge that you do not further fragment Vis
4 Valley by redistricting our community down the middle.
5 We are already split by the district line dividing us
6 from little Hollywood and the executive park development
7 which are in Vis Valley. Our historically underserved
8 neighborhood is currently experiencing a renaissance
9 with a new building -- housing built at Heritage Homes
10 and Britney Court.

11 The ongoing construction has the Greenbrae
12 and the upcoming community planning process at
13 (inaudible) which will become in the not too distant
14 future a model transit village adjacent to the future
15 3rd Street light rail Cal-train (inaudible) station.
16 Vis Valley will be the most important transportation
17 center in the southeast sector of San Francisco.

18 Our community has worked long and hard for
19 these improvements and there is a growing sense of
20 community. We're all working to heal the ethnic,
21 economic and social wounds that have plagued us in the
22 past. This is not the time to carve us up again and by
23 extension give the message that we do not count.

24 Furthermore, I would like to address the
25 necessity for regional planning in the great Visitation

1 Valley watershed which includes the cities of Brisbane,
2 the Bayshore District of Daly City and Visitacion Valley
3 and San Francisco. There is no coordinated planning in
4 the watershed between the two counties and three cities
5 involved.

6 Now more than ever we need a strong voice in
7 the Assembly to speak for an entire community on the
8 issue of regional planning for the watershed. Your
9 redistricting plan will divide the watershed into three
10 Assembly Districts, 12, 13, and 19. There needs to be
11 further discussion with residents from Brisbane, Daly
12 City and Vis Valley about this issue. Thank you.

13 SENATOR BRULTE: Ms. Julie Kavanagh.

14 MS. KAVANAGH: Hello, thank you for allowing
15 me to speak today. I'm Julie Kavanagh. I'm the
16 executive director of Visitacion Valley Community
17 Center, and we have served our neighborhood since 1918,
18 and our neighborhood is defined by the geography
19 reflected in its name. We are distinguished by many
20 characteristics most prominently by our diversity. This
21 diversity is our greatest gift and most significant
22 challenge.

23 We who served Visitacion Valley worked
24 diligently to facilitate neighborhood unity that also
25 values and upholds our treasured diversity. Our

1 neighborhood is the inside of a bowl created by the
2 hills that surround it. Our residents move freely
3 within that bowl, but many don't leave its confines for
4 purposes of daily life.

5 Meanwhile the political entities that exist
6 to serve us routinely divide us for reasons that do not
7 speak to our needs. We are divided by health districts,
8 police districts, senior central districts,
9 supervisorial districts all different from each other
10 and none respecting the individuality of Visitation
11 Valley. I'm here to say wherever you put us, please
12 keep us together. Help us preserve our hard won unity.
13 We do not want more cracks in our bowl. Thank you.

14 SENATOR BRULTE: Thank you. Now I understand
15 we're going to San Jose, Craig Mann.

16 MR. MANN: Okay. Can you hear me?

17 SENATOR BRULTE: I can hear you, now I can
18 see you. Go ahead, Craig.

19 MR. MANN: Thank you for having this event
20 today. I wrote this letter so I'm going to read it as
21 it was written.

22 Dear Chairman Longville, I write this letter
23 as special comment to the record on the proposed
24 Assembly District redistricting plan and the Coalition
25 of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting and

1 the Mexican American Legal Defense Educational Fund
2 proposed for redistricting.

3 I want to begin by commending the
4 aforementioned groups for their efforts in exerting,
5 compiling, analyzing and designing and presenting of
6 their respective proposals. However, after a review of
7 each it is very clear that the CAPAFR proposal was far
8 superior in how it addresses traditional redistricting
9 criteria especially with respect to the recommendations
10 for redistricting of Assembly Districts within Santa
11 Clara County.

12 To test the quality of the proposals I
13 checked to see how each addressed the most ridiculously
14 designed Assembly District in all of California, the
15 28th Assembly District. This district currently runs
16 from as far north as the southern border of Alameda
17 County border and then south to the northern border of
18 San Luis Obispo County. It includes parts of San Jose,
19 largely the Evergreen community of which I'm a resident.

20 With all due respect to the current
21 officeholder, my friend, the honorable Simón Salinas, we
22 suffered for at least the last ten years with a feeling
23 of and the fact of absentee representation due to the
24 poorly designed Assembly District. And there is no
25 better time than the present to finally fix this.

1 The CAPAFR proposal addresses the problematic
2 design of the 28th most appropriately by excising nearly
3 all of Evergreen from it and adding it to the 23rd which
4 currently has a portion of Evergreen.

5 The Assembly and MALDEF's proposals
6 surprisingly offer little to no change to the 28th as it
7 relates to the Evergreen community. This lack of
8 affirmative action and addressing the serious problem
9 perpetuates what I believe to be a violation of
10 traditional redistricting criteria to include the need
11 to be compact, continuous, respectful of political
12 subdivisions, city and county, and geographic regions
13 just to name a few.

14 I trust that notwithstanding the various
15 proposals the legislature will do the right thing and
16 not approve a final redistricting plan that leaves any
17 part of Evergreen within the 28th Assembly District. By
18 adding Evergreen to the 23rd Assembly District the
19 following benefits are, almost all of Eastside High
20 School District, one of the largest high school
21 districts in California, with 400,000 constituents,
22 25,000 ninth- through twelfth-grade students and 25,000
23 placed within a single Assembly District.

24 Nearly one-half of the population of San Jose
25 is placed within one Assembly District. Evergreen

1 Elementary School District with approximately 10,000
2 students is placed within a single Assembly District.
3 San Jose City Council District 8 which is comprised of
4 92,294 citizens is placed within one Assembly District.

5 Please note that Evergreen is the majority of
6 the population of District 8. Further it does not
7 bifurcate and adversely impact the respective
8 communities of interest of which Asians are the majority
9 ethnic group representing 42.2 percent of the
10 population.

11 Ethnic or political balances are not
12 adversely impacted and the diverse via the 23rd Assembly
13 District is enhanced in terms of voter propensity and
14 social economic status. In closing, please trust me
15 when I say I truly understand a need to satisfy the
16 various concerns and the needs of the diverse community
17 of interest.

18 As one of the very few African American
19 elected officials in the Silicon Valley I'm quite tuned
20 in to the dreams, aspirations, and concerns of our
21 community of interest and our community as a whole.

22 While I don't believe that any single ethnic
23 group should claim any respective seat as their own, I
24 do believe that all communities of interest should feel
25 they have a fair opportunity at electoral success and

1 excellent representation as they may define it.

2 Representation that not only has a chance to
3 look like them but more importantly representation that
4 is successful, competent, sensitive and respective to
5 their needs. Thanks in advance for your consideration
6 and best regards, Craig Mann, Board President of the
7 Eastside High School District. Thank you.

8 SENATOR BRULTE: Thank you, Craig. Now
9 before we hear from Sal Alvarez, I'm going to turn the
10 gavel over to Assemblyman Ashburn. Sal, if you can hold
11 one second.

12 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ASHBURN: Sal Alvarez, thank
13 you. Please proceed.

14 MR. ALVAREZ: My name is Sal Alvarez and I am
15 the chair of the 28th Assembly District. And I'm here
16 representing the La Rosa Round Table (phonetic) which is
17 approximately 31 Mexican American organizations of Santa
18 Clara County which stretches down to Gilroy.

19 First and foremost let me indicate that when
20 I testified in Seaside and this conversation about what
21 the 28th would look like was embarked upon, many
22 emphasized that East San Jose has always had an
23 important community of interest with the farm workers of
24 Monterey County.

25 I reside in the Evergreen area where the

1 largest number of Mexican American middle class and
2 professional -- there is a body of us -- I've been in
3 Evergreen now for 37 years and this is where Cesar
4 Chavez picked prunes with his family when he came to San
5 Jose. It was an agricultural area and from here then he
6 historically began organizing farm workers.

7 So the Evergreen College area where we're at
8 now is a historic site, and Cesar Chavez is in fact
9 acknowledged at the college. I lay this as a background
10 because for many, many years the Monterey area and South
11 San Jose area were represented by agricultural
12 interests. It's a position of La Rosa Round Table that
13 clearly the Evergreen area should stay in the 28th for
14 the reason that if Evergreen were not in the 28th
15 District we would lose this seat to not only a Mexican
16 American who's there, but also to the Democratic party,
17 and I say that as chair of the 28th Assembly District.

18 Very clearly this is an important issue where
19 we're in strong support of all of Evergreen being put
20 in. We testified in Seaside that to cut out Evergreen
21 within the 28th Assembly District essentially a rural
22 Democratic district which would then fall to the
23 opposite party, and not only that, but put farm workers
24 again at great risk. Simón Salinas came forward and we
25 supported him from King City to Watsonville to Salinas

1 to Hollister up through Gilroy, Morgan Hill and into the
2 Evergreen area.

3 This was a historic election for a Mexican
4 American farm worker to be elected, and we feel strongly
5 that the Evergreen area which was included in that -- in
6 the plan that's set forth ought to be strengthened; that
7 it ought to go -- the line ought to go to Tully and not
8 up the way it is so that there are more precincts that
9 are representative of the Mexican American community
10 included in the Evergreen area.

11 But overall we're pleased that the Evergreen
12 area is included. This will not be a Democratic rural
13 district where the growers will dominate farm workers as
14 they have in the past, and we're prepared to do
15 everything we can to defend keeping the Evergreen area
16 in the 28th District and not only seeing Simón continue
17 there but also to see the emergence of other Mexican
18 Americans who have been representing this great area
19 where Cesar Chavez started here in this valley.

20 So I want to thank you for the opportunity.
21 Be assured that the Mexican American community is united
22 through La Rosa Round Table in supporting the plan that
23 Simón himself supports in terms of having the Evergreen
24 area in and having to lose Morgan Hill and San Martin
25 because of the growth in the area. He would prefer not

1 to, but if those two areas need to be taken and put in
2 the 22nd we support that with the contention that it's
3 the Evergreen area and south county area that gave Simçn
4 approximately the same number of votes that all the
5 other three counties combined gave to him and made a
6 victory possible. Thank you very much.

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
8 sir, for taking the time to join us from San Jose. I
9 believe we're now going to switch back from San Jose to
10 Sacramento and Mr. David Williams from the Citizens
11 Against Gerrymandering. Is Mr. Williams in the room?
12 Going once, going twice, Mr. Williams is not here. We
13 will then go to Mr. Terry Sandoval from Oakland but
14 speaking here in Sacramento. Is Mr. Sandoval up? Okay.
15 Going once for Mr. Sandoval, twice for Mr. Sandoval.
16 Three times, Mr. Sandoval. Okay. We will recognize him
17 later if he shows up.

18 Is David Algood here? David Algood from the
19 California League of Conservation Voters, Southern
20 California Directory. Is Mr. Algood in the room? Okay.
21 We will then shoot back to Monterey, and I would ask if
22 I have County Supervisor Fernando Armenta from Salinas
23 in Monterey ready.

24 MR. ARMENTA: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. We will move

1 back to you, and sir, let me just make two quick notes
2 of housekeeping before I turn the microphone over to
3 you. One, if I could ask the person who's scrolling the
4 computer feed that I'm getting showing witnesses, if
5 they can make sure and not eliminate the name of the
6 witness who is speaking until after that witness is
7 finished so I know who it is, who has just spoken.

8 And also in the sequence here as we're
9 rotating around from area to area if we can -- if we can
10 make sure that we are queued up for the next Sacramento
11 batch that we get word to the people in the Sacramento
12 office that they have to find those witnesses next. And
13 with that, Supervisor Armenta, we are ready to hear from
14 you.

15 MR. ARMENTA: Yes. Thank you, Chairman John
16 Longville. I am the chair of the Assembly
17 Reapportionments and Redistricting Committee and also
18 the Senate Committee and I want to thank you for giving
19 me this opportunity. As you well know I personally
20 testified on June 4th before your committee in Seaside
21 and submitted written testimony. On July 24th we had a
22 redistricting hearing in San Jose.

23 And today I come not only as a Latino elected
24 official in Monterey County but also coming to join the
25 hands with our brothers and sisters from Santa Cruz and

1 I think it's very important that we keep the central --
2 not only the Central Coast together but the Central
3 Valley, and as county elected official I think for us
4 it's very important that if we're going to move the
5 agenda for people in the future we must also -- we must
6 take into consideration the regional impacts of a plan
7 that's going to split the Central and Central Coast
8 Valley from each other. And the importance is that we
9 keep the regional farming areas together. We have
10 regional transportation districts and projects that we
11 have worked so hard for, and we want to make sure those
12 come to fruition in the next five to ten years.

13 Another thing is we have regional between
14 Santa Cruz County, Monterey County and San Bernardino
15 County. For us that's very important. The other
16 important factor is that we keep the regional Latino
17 populations together in terms of voting with our
18 brothers and sisters from Santa Cruz and other counties.

19 We have some regional projects that are
20 coming up. We also want to keep those together. The
21 important thing is for me is that we need to keep the
22 regional Democrats together in terms of solidarity. The
23 other important factor for us in Monterey County is that
24 we keep our regional collaboration opportunities
25 together with the educational institutions of Cal State

1 University Monterey and also U.C. Santa Cruz.

2 I think you must understand that we're using
3 (inaudible) dividing the only thing that's dividing us
4 on many factors, but very importantly, the region
5 between Highway 5 and Highway 99 is completely different
6 in terms of demographics priorities in terms of how
7 we're going to live as Americans here in California.

8 Regional tourism, we have projects and we
9 like to deal with those as those come to fruition. To
10 the chair and the committee on the Assembly on the
11 Senate side, I wasn't going to say this, but maybe I'll
12 pay for it later, but that is okay, and that is I'm not
13 looking out for my own political future. My
14 understanding the deal was struck already. It's
15 unfortunate. That's not how Democrats, real Democrats
16 demonstrate good leadership. It's very important that
17 we keep (inaudible). I make a plea to members of both
18 houses that we see a compromise in the next five days.
19 Thank you for the time in addressing this.

20 (Applause)

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
22 Supervisor Armenta, for taking the time to testify
23 before us. And we stay in Monterey next for Mayor Tim
24 Fitzmaurice from Santa Cruz who will be followed by Vice
25 Mayor Ruth Vreeland from Monterey, and then we will be

1 returning to Sacramento. With that, Mayor Fitzmaurice,
2 you have the microphone.

3 MAYOR FITZMAURICE: Thank you very much. We
4 really appreciate -- there's dozens of people here right
5 now and there would be hundreds if we were in Santa Cruz
6 during this testimony right now because this is a direct
7 hit on the Democratic principles of Santa Cruz. It's a
8 very diverse community. I'm proud to be the mayor of a
9 diverse community, extremely diverse, but absolutely
10 unified in the fact that this has done true damage and
11 disenfranchised all of the voices of Santa Cruz.

12 It's remarkable how hard we have worked on
13 creating the kind of regionalism, the kind of
14 cooperation between different communities so we can meet
15 the variety of needs including needs of the
16 environmentalism, including needs of the working people
17 in our county. It's just a remarkable cross-section of
18 needs that are met because we approach it in a regional
19 way, water, transportation.

20 I happen to be on the regional transportation
21 commission. This plan will provide that commission in
22 terms of the State Senate representation, and we find
23 that we need a voice in a State Senate when it comes to
24 that kind of representation. That's why I drove up 50
25 miles and I'll drive 50 miles home in just a few minutes

1 just because I need to come tell you that 50,000 people
2 in Santa Cruz are extremely unified in this position.

3 It's historic that our side of the hill is
4 called the coast side, other side is called the bay
5 side. It's been that way for the 150 years. They'e
6 always called it the coast side because it was
7 impossible to get through those mountains. For a long
8 time you had to walk through them, and now all of a
9 sudden we're being connected up with Woodside and
10 Atherton and Palo Alto and Menlo Park where the City of
11 Santa Cruz will be lost, our connection with the rest of
12 the county will be lost.

13 It's a remarkable direct hit on democracy.
14 I'm hoping that you'll look at this again. I'm hoping
15 that somebody's listening. I'm not certain what went
16 into the decisions that have been made thus far, but
17 these are not the right decisions. These are going to
18 destroy the community.

19 I rarely come and testify. I called the
20 Governor this morning. I called Mr. Burton this
21 morning. I rarely do these things unless I know there's
22 a complete unity of our community behind these concerns,
23 and there is that kind of unity, even the local paper,
24 that doesn't like me very much, agrees with me on this
25 particular issue. So I'm hoping that you'll understand

1 how diverse the cross-section of people who reflect on
2 this decision exactly the same way.

3 I'm going to offer a resolution from our city
4 council on the 11th of this month to send that direct
5 message. I'm afraid by then it will be too late. And
6 so I've driven down here because you have to act now.
7 You have to change the direction that this is taking or
8 else I think we're putting at risk the region, not
9 just -- not just my particular group of that region, I'm
10 just 60,000 people I represent, but the whole region.
11 And it would be a terrible, terrible tragedy, so please
12 think again before you make a decision. Thank you.

13 (Applause)

14 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you,
15 Mr. Fitzmaurice. We greatly appreciate you taking the
16 time to testify, and I note your observation with regard
17 to your local newspaper. I know I've always been a
18 little skeptical with mustaches especially when they
19 have a little gray hair in them myself, so I can
20 understand your -- I'm glad you're unified in this
21 position. Now we'll hear from Vice Mayor Vreeland.
22 Thank you.

23 --oOo--

24 (Whereupon the following proceedings were
25 reported by Wendy E. Arlen, CSR.)

1 --oOo--

2 MS. VREELAND: Thank you. I appreciate this
3 opportunity to speak before you and I'm looking to you
4 as someone who's caring. We talk about caring and
5 understanding and you're thinking about Democrats and
6 you're thinking about the populace in our area.

7 I'm vice mayor of Monterey and I've been that
8 way for 18 years. One of the representational
9 opportunities I've had is to be on AMBAG, the
10 Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. And when
11 you look at that and you go back to seeing when Senator
12 Henry Mello was working hard on setting up AMBAG to
13 represent this region, this is the coastal region was
14 established because we had those connections. Those
15 connections are still there and must stay there. So
16 you've got to take that into consideration.

17 You have heard about the transportation
18 aspects, the environmental aspects. You're talking
19 about things that are happening to us. When I look back
20 and I think, wow, this group got Senator Fred Farr. Do
21 you remember him? He was a fabulous, fabulous senator.
22 And you look back and you say he was great, but you know
23 what else, we got Pineta into the Congress. It was this
24 group. Now, you want to keep this group working as a
25 group, and that has a real value for all of us. This is

1 a united group that cares, that knows, that participates
2 fully.

3 Now, I'm on the Democratic board. I see
4 people working all the time. When I'm looking at this
5 group out here, I see some activists that are being
6 prepared and really come to give you a very solid
7 message. The solid message is you didn't mess too much
8 with the AD, just a little bit, and a little bit with
9 the CD, but by damn, this Senate District was
10 ridiculous. Absolutely ridiculous.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. VREELAND: You're taking Monterey County
13 and splitting it apart. You're going to have to be a
14 real artful dodger, and the dodging you're going to have
15 to do is watching out for Title 5. When you look at in
16 Salinas, you look at Monterey County, the Justice
17 Department has already had some things related to Title
18 5 and I think you're going to have to address those
19 things very strongly also.

20 How can you put five counties in this one
21 district? And they aren't the Central Coast district
22 that this was developed to be. So I ask you, and I
23 really can say with conviction that there are people in
24 this area that work hard and have worked hard for a
25 reason, and they've worked hard and we're a team. We're

1 a team for the environment, we're a team for the coast,
2 and as a team, you don't want to split us up. So when
3 you said earlier that you could do some more tweaking, I
4 think the tweaking had better be really good, right back
5 to what it was.

6 (Applause.)

7 MS. VREELAND: We are the caring group that
8 will continue to care as we cared about offshore oil,
9 we've cared about women's right to choose, spending
10 money on public education, on working, working to make
11 Monterey Bay area the world's finest place. Keep us
12 together. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
15 Vice Mayor Vreeland, I appreciate your comments. I
16 appreciate all of the people in Monterey who took the
17 time and trouble to come down and deliver your message
18 very clearly. We appreciate it and please give my
19 regards, Vice Mayor Vreeland, to Mr. Farr the next time
20 you see him. I believe I've dealt with him now for
21 about 23 years starting when he was a Monterey County
22 supervisor.

23 We will now move back to Sacramento and I'm
24 going to make one more check if Mr. David Williams is in
25 the room. If Mr. Williams is in the room, we will

1 recognize him. If he is not, we will try is Mr. Terry
2 Sandoval in the room? Okay. Next try if Mr. Dave
3 Allgood has returned to the room.

4 Okay. Then we are ready to go to San
5 Francisco. If the San Francisco hookup is set, we will
6 seek Mr. Santiago Ruiz from Mission Neighborhood
7 Centers, Incorporated, followed by -- excuse me. I'm
8 sorry. That's not in San Francisco. He's from San
9 Francisco, but he's here in Sacramento. Excuse me.

10 Mr. Ruiz in the room? Okay.

11 Is Ms. Greta J. Cannon here in Sacramento?

12 Ms. Cannon, you are up next. And let me just alert
13 folks down the line that, the next people I have
14 Ms. Maria Gonzales from San Francisco speaking in San
15 Francisco and then I have Mr. Dan Haifley from Santa
16 Cruz speaking in Monterey. That's what we have at the
17 moment. So, Ms. Cannon, you have the microphone.

18 By the way, before you begin, let me note to
19 the remote locations I've been asked to remind the
20 technical folks at each of the remote locations that
21 when your location is not providing testimony, can you
22 please make sure that you're muting your audio as it
23 tends to degrade the audio quality for the whole system
24 when we have a live mike that's not in use.

25 With that, again, Ms. Cannon, thank you for

1 being here.

2 MS. CANNON: Chairman Longville and members
3 of the Elections and Reapportionment Committee, my name
4 is Greta Cannon and I am a former member of the
5 Sacramento County Commission on Aging. Currently I'm a
6 board member of the Area 4 Agency on Aging where I'm
7 honored to serve as the chairperson of the subcommittee
8 on ethnic and cultural concerns, of which there are
9 many.

10 One of our responsibilities is to advise the
11 board and staff on issues affecting seniors of color as
12 well as service providers for seniors, even on the kinds
13 of food that they have eaten for so many years. They're
14 learning but still have a long way to go. Hopefully
15 some day there will be no need for a committee such as
16 ours.

17 Today, I'm here as a resident of the
18 Meadowview community in South Sacramento. 10 years ago
19 I indicated I was getting tired. Well, I'm even more
20 tired now. My hair is much whiter, and I'm many pounds
21 heavier than 10 years ago. Truly, I could have used my
22 presentation from 10 years ago. It seems to me that
23 folks in the Assembly and Senate redistricting group
24 still have not acknowledged that we in District 9 are a
25 viable community of interest and should not be

1 gerrymandered.

2 For approximately 20 years I served on a
3 committee to develop a community center for the
4 Meadowview area. It pleases me greatly to tell you that
5 we have the completed center. It's now called the Sam
6 Pinell Meadowview Community Center named in honor of
7 Samuel Pinell, our first elected city council member of
8 color.

9 His election was possible after City Council
10 District 8 was reunited as one district after having
11 been split into two districts. Earlier this year, we
12 celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Pinell center.
13 Unfortunately, Sam has passed away, but his legacy lives
14 on in the pride of the community and through his widow,
15 Bonnie Pinell, who after a lot of arm twisting to run
16 was elected as our city council representative.

17 You're probably thinking you have a community
18 center, that's nice, but so what. I share this
19 information with you to demonstrate what a cohesive,
20 dedicated community we have to the extent that we have
21 people making inquiry and visiting from other parts of
22 California and from other states to see how our
23 community accomplished this humongous project. It was
24 truly a community of blood, sweat and many, many tears.

25 This is just one of many projects occurring

1 which Meadowview. We are definitely a community of
2 interest. It's unfathomable that here we are again 10
3 years later trying to demonstrate that we cannot and
4 should not be gerrymandered into Tracy, San Joaquin
5 District 17. Tracy is a nice place. I have a niece who
6 lives there and is raising her family there, by choice.
7 There are totally different concerns and activities than
8 those of Assembly District 9.

9 67 percent of Meadowview, North Laguna and
10 Valley Hi residents are people of color. To put
11 Meadowview in District 17 would significantly reduce
12 votes of people of color and alter many dynamics we have
13 achieved, such as electing another person of color to
14 the Sacramento City Council and potentially to the
15 Sacramento Board of Supervisors.

16 Based on history, in 10 years I will either
17 be appearing before you in a wheelchair or on a walker
18 or have my grandchildren appear before this committee
19 with the same issues. The one positive point that could
20 be inferred from our district is we must be pretty
21 special because at east every 10 years somebody tries to
22 adopt us from our current Assembly District. However,
23 we must implore you not to gerrymander our community out
24 of District 9 and thereby disenfranchise a community of
25 color. I thank you for your time.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
2 Mrs. Cannon. We appreciate your testimony today and now
3 we're going to go to Monterey, John Laird.

4 Mr. Laird, good afternoon and welcome.

5 MR. LAIRD: Thank you very much,
6 Assemblymember Longville. My name is John Laird. I'm
7 trustee with the real power in the Santa Cruz County.
8 I'm also former mayor of Santa Cruz.

9 I'm here today to remind and thank you for
10 the fact that we testified both at the Assembly hearing
11 in Seaside and Senate hearing in Sacramento on what our
12 community's interest was in the Central Coast. We said
13 that the environment is very important, that we have the
14 largest national marine sanctuary and that our one
15 district drains into that sanctuary and what we do in
16 that one district determines its health.

17 We said our transportation system goes all
18 the way around Monterey Bay and is funded in a way that
19 it all falls into one district. We said that when it
20 comes to higher education we're one of the few areas in
21 California that has community colleges, University of
22 California and California State University all in one
23 district, a unified district on higher education, and
24 then we said that we fought very hard for our Latino
25 population to be contained in one district in

1 Watsonville, Salinas Valley, Salinas, Pajaro Valley so
2 that it's not diluted under the Voting Rights Act. When
3 it came to the lines for the State Assembly and the
4 Congress you heard us, you put that community of
5 interest in districts together; but when it came to the
6 State Senate, you blew that community of interest apart.

7 You sent it in three different directions so
8 that the proposal from the legislature would be such
9 that those of us from Santa Cruz would have a State
10 Senator from Redwood City, those from Monterey would
11 have one San Luis Obispo, those from Salinas could quite
12 likely have one from Turlock; and, in fact, all three of
13 those districts break apart that community of interest
14 of 700,000 people, and it's a very important one because
15 in all history in the State Senate, never has Santa Cruz
16 County been split, never has Monterey County been split,
17 never has San Benito County been split. And since
18 legislative districts were done in 1966 by population,
19 never have those three counties been split from each
20 other. This is history making in how it changes things.

21 So we really ask that you reconsider this
22 entire thing, that you say that there will be one
23 district in the State Senate that contains the drainage
24 area into our National Marine Sanctuary and with one
25 voice we can fight for its protection, one district that

1 has all three levels of higher education in it so with
2 one voice we can speak for that higher education the way
3 we have for all history.

4 My own community college district is now
5 divided between two Senate districts, and we're a county
6 and community college district of 250,000 people. We
7 have enough trouble, as you know, being heard in
8 Sacramento when we're united. We really want to be in
9 one district and we want the Transportation Commission
10 of Santa Cruz County to be in one Senate District and
11 not two. We want the Transportation Commission of
12 Monterey County to be in one Senate District, not three,
13 and we want the Latino population that has worked so
14 hard to obtain a measure of political power through
15 district elections and through the election of Simón
16 Salinas to be in the same legislative district in the
17 State Senate.

18 So we ask on every level, on common sense, on
19 raw politics, on the legal level, on community of
20 interest, let us keep our Senate District. Give it to
21 us back. We want to be together. Please help us.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. DAUCHER: Thank you, Mr. Laird. I'd like
24 to recognize Dan Haifley. Can you repeat that, please?

25 MR. CAMPOS: My name Tony Campos. I'm the

1 chairman of the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors, I also
2 represent the great valley Pajaro Valley and also the
3 City of Watsonville. Can you hear me?

4 MS. DAUCHER: Yes, we can.

5 MR. CAMPOS: I currently serve as chairman of
6 the Board of Supervisors. I am here to voice my strong
7 opposition to the proposed plan for Senate redistricting
8 because it directly affects the County of Santa Cruz and
9 my district in particular.

10 When the plan was first revealed, I was
11 shocked and dismayed at the apparent disregard afforded
12 to a vital region of our community. For the better part
13 of four decades, the County of Monterey-Santa Cruz
14 County have been jointly represented in the California
15 State Senate as the second geographic second smallest
16 county in the state. Joining the County of Monterey has
17 allowed us to work together on important issues such as
18 coastal protection, protection of agricultural and also
19 water and transportation.

20 The unique interests of this region has been
21 heard because we have had respected representation by
22 people who have lived here and know our region. During
23 my lifetime, have watched the excellent reputation our
24 community has enjoyed and I have seen our community grow
25 and prosper as a result of this representation.

1 Our own Senator Henry Mello was honored with
2 your confidence and served as a Senate Pro Tem serving
3 from the mid-1980's until term limits affected him in
4 1996. Senator Mello brought us legislation protection
5 to benefit agricultural and environment as well as plan
6 for reuse of Fort Ord military base and, most dear to
7 his heart, expansion of senior services.

8 Many of these efforts have been continued
9 through the hard work of Senator Bruce McPherson, who is
10 also working along with others in creating a top class
11 educational system in our community and all of
12 California. These people know our community and they
13 live and also give our voice to you.

14 Your redistricting plan will silence us
15 forever. You should preserve our communities of
16 interest. The plan for the 11th district and the 15th
17 district are wrong for the region and they are wrong for
18 California.

19 The 15th district include portions of Santa
20 Clara, San Benito, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and
21 Santa Cruz. The 11th district includes San Mateo, Santa
22 Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey can also be found in the
23 proposed 12th district, along with Merced, San Benito,
24 and Stanislaus County.

25 Our interests are very different from theirs.

1 The proposed plan cuts our community in half and parcels
2 out Monterey in a manner that our region is not
3 important.

4 Please protect our interests. Please do not
5 divide Santa Cruz County or keep us from Monterey
6 County. We are not Silicon Valley. We want to preserve
7 our coast and unique qualities of our life that we have
8 here in this community. Do not fragment our communities
9 of interest. Your plan is wrong.

10 Your plan is also wrong because of
11 devastating effects on the significant voting equality
12 enjoyed our Central Coast community. My district alone
13 represents 78 to 80 percent Latinos. Isolating this
14 significant minority population from other areas such as
15 Salinas results in a diluting of the strength of our
16 Latino voters. This is unacceptable and unnecessary.
17 The Latino community in Santa Cruz-Monterey deserve a
18 strong and representative voice in Sacramento. Your
19 plan offers neither. We deserve a united voice for the
20 Central Coast. Your failure to do so will affect the
21 future of our region and the future of the State.

22 Please urge the President Pro Tem and the
23 Governor to revise the boundaries for the proposed 11th
24 and 15th Senate Districts to preserve the interests, the
25 representatives and also the residents of my communities

1 of the Central Coast. Thank you very much.

2 (Applause.)

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: That you think very
4 much, Supervisor Campos, and I believe next we have
5 Mr. Dan Haifley.

6 MR. HAIFLEY: Thank you very much, Chairman
7 Longville, committee members. My name is Dan Haifley
8 executive director.

9 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Mr. Haifley, can you
10 pause one moment? We're having an audio problem and I
11 ask if we can have our technical folks check. Is there
12 a mike open somewhere else? Can everyone check their
13 muting buttons? We're having a terrible noise here.
14 Can we isolate that noise, folks? We've gotten noise.
15 Now, can we still hear Mr. Haifley? That would be an
16 improvement.

17 MR. HAIFLEY: Can you hear me?

18 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Yes, we can. Please
19 go ahead and resume. Excuse the interruption, sir.

20 MR. HAIFLEY: Okay. No problem. I'm
21 executive director of Sea Odyssey. We're a free ocean
22 based marine science education program, and I am also
23 the recreation representative on the Monterey Bay
24 Sanctuary Advisory Council.

25 I would like to express my strong support for

1 retaining the current boundaries of the 15th Senate
2 District. This district embodies the Monterey Bay
3 region and incorporates one common community of interest
4 that's very important to California's economy and
5 environment, and that is the Monterey Bay National
6 Marine Sanctuary.

7 Central California's emerging marine science
8 and education institutions are clustered in the Monterey
9 Bay region. The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
10 has provided an engine for greater federal, state and
11 private resources to be invested in ocean research. The
12 sanctuary is also a centerpiece for resource protection
13 and education.

14 About 10 years ago a lot of people in the
15 Monterey Bay region worked very, very hard to ensure
16 that we would not have offshore oil drilling, that we
17 would not have dumping, that we would have clean waters
18 in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. As has
19 been mentioned time and time before, that was because we
20 had a common community of interest that worked on this
21 issue.

22 The current proposal shatters the nation's
23 largest national marine sanctuary into several tiny
24 pieces. This resource is much too fragile. Please make
25 us whole again. We need representation from someone who

1 can focus on and is knowledgeable about these issues.
2 The proposed districts that cover our area would gravely
3 dilute the influence of this crucial area of
4 California's economy and environment. Thank you very
5 much.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
8 Mr. Haifley, for joining us. We appreciate it. Now, I
9 believe we have Ms. Amy Newell.

10 MS. NEWELL: Chairman Longville and members
11 of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to
12 testify before you today without having to travel to
13 Sacramento.

14 My name is Amy Newell. I'm the business
15 agent for the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. The
16 council composed 55 local unions representing just under
17 30,000 union members in the Monterey Bay region, and I'm
18 speaking today on behalf Central Labor Council.

19 It was just this summer that the Santa Cruz
20 County Central Labor Council and the Monterey County
21 Central Labor Council merged to form the Monterey Bay
22 Central Labor Council. The merger took place in
23 recognition of the fact that has become truly a closely
24 tightly knit, integrated community, this region. There
25 are literally thousands of working people who, for

1 instance, work in Santa Cruz and live in Watsonville or
2 work in Watsonville and live in Salinas or work on
3 Monterey Peninsula and live in Salinas. We commute all
4 over this area.

5 Yet this proposed Senate redistricting plan
6 would put Santa Cruz in a district with Palo Alto,
7 Atherton and Redwood City. It would put Watsonville and
8 the Monterey Peninsula in a district with San Luis
9 Obispo County and Santa Maria, and it would take the
10 heart of our region, City of Salinas, and take it clear
11 out of the neighborhood, so to speak, and put it over
12 with Merced and Modesto and Turlock, and it's an
13 abomination.

14 The merger of the Central Labor Council was
15 also a reflection of the fact that the kind of problems
16 and challenges that we face in this region have to be
17 addressed regionally. There is no way that we are going
18 to solve the crisis of affordable housing, groundwater
19 supplies, agriculture, labor, any of the issues that
20 face us, unless we do it on a regional basis.

21 We need a voice in Sacramento in the State
22 Senate that we can hold accountable for his or her vote
23 and how they represented this region, and we need
24 someone in the State Senate who will actually get to
25 know this region, who will spend time here, who will be

1 part of us and not, as Assemblyman Keeley said yesterday
2 at the Labor Day picnic, make us the tiny little tail
3 being wagged by three different dogs. We need to be our
4 own dog. We need our own representation.

5 Up until now, the political voice of this
6 region has been the 17th Congressional District, the
7 27th and 28th Assembly Districts and the 15th Senate
8 District, and we ask that you keep it that way. Thank
9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
12 Miss Newell. Appreciate it, and regards, by the way,
13 from the San Bernardino Riverside Labor Council where I
14 had lunch yesterday.

15 We'll now move to Ms. Gillian Taylor from the
16 Carmel Valley and representing the Ventana chapter of
17 the Sierra Club.

18 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. Good afternoon, and
19 people have commented on the good turnout we have today,
20 but I would like to point out that we would have a great
21 deal more people here if we not heard about this Friday
22 before a three-day weekend.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. TAYLOR: The Ventana chapter of the
25 Sierra Club is dismayed at the proposed changes to

1 Senate District 15. The Ventana chapter represents more
2 than 6,000 members in Monterey-Santa Cruz counties,
3 counties which are now and have been in the last 35
4 years united in one State Senate District. The chapter
5 has embraced the shared interests of these counties on
6 environmental issues.

7 Thus, it's a shock that suddenly coastal
8 Santa Cruz has been redistricted to San Mateo and Santa
9 Clara County and that the Salinas Valley has been
10 redistricted to the Central Valley. San Cruz County
11 gives over its coastal region to the urbanized district
12 in the north.

13 We ask you to think about what this
14 redistricting really means. First, the northerly
15 coastal area of Monterey Bay is to be removed from
16 District 15 and attached to San Mateo and Santa Clara
17 counties. Environmental issues regarding the Monterey
18 Bay unite Monterey and Santa Cruz counties in a
19 community of interest that should not be broken. Our
20 overlapping interests and concerns include a trail along
21 the entire perimeter of the bay, protection of the
22 marine and shoreline habitat, watershed issues,
23 protection of Elkhorn Slough, shoreline development and
24 much more. We have fought too long and too hard as
25 partners for these interests of the bay to have ocean

1 environmental issues sent to a district dominated by the
2 Silicon Valley.

3 Second, the Salinas Valley is to be removed
4 from District 15 and attached to the distant communities
5 along Highway 5 and 99, the Central Valley district
6 which shares little of the interests of the Salinas
7 Valley. Monterey Peninsula cities and Salinas are
8 already communities of interest. Issues of the City of
9 Salinas are intrinsically connected to the Monterey
10 Peninsula in terms of workforce, housing, transportation
11 general services and county government. Salinas is only
12 20 minutes from the coast. Its agriculture benefits
13 from a climate that gives it nearly a year-round growing
14 season and is dependent on a local river, not a water
15 canal system such as the Central Valley's.

16 The Salinas River flows through the center of
17 Monterey County and into Monterey Bay which is a
18 National Marine Sanctuary. Years of work to protect the
19 river and the agriculture it supports are near fruition
20 with the proposed Salinas Valley Water Project, which is
21 a locally originated project that will cost less than
22 the original ideas. These projects need to go forward
23 and not be hampered.

24 The common agricultural and water problems in
25 the Salinas Valley and Pajaro Valley should not be split

1 between two Senate districts. The Central Coast has
2 water issues that are vastly different from those of the
3 Central Valley. Further, the health of the Monterey Bay
4 National Marine Sanctuary is tied directly to the flows
5 from the Salinas River. To tie Salinas River issues to
6 a different district that has different water and
7 agricultural issues disregards the community of interest
8 that unites the County of Monterey.

9 And, third, San Benito, San Cruz and Monterey
10 counties together are being overwhelmed by sprawl
11 pressure from Santa Clara County. Together with a
12 single Senate representative, we can speak with one
13 voice on this issue. Giving the populated areas of
14 Santa Cruz to urbanized Santa Clara County and
15 connecting the entire Salinas Valley to the San Benito
16 County to the Central Valley spells disaster for our
17 political voice. In all cases the smaller populations
18 from our three counties will be swallowed up into
19 districts dominated by Silicon Valley or the Central
20 Valley. Redistricting will probably mean that nobody
21 with Santa Cruz or Monterey County would ever be elected
22 to a State Senate seat.

23 Finally, there are strong environmental
24 reasons why District 15 should be remain as it is.
25 Others here today have covered. San Luis Obispo and

1 Santa Barbara counties have little geographic
2 relatedness to the Central Coast. The community of
3 interest in the environment lies in the contiguous Santa
4 Cruz-Monterey Peninsula.

5 You've heard a strong voice today, a unified
6 voice across all the constituencies to say to you very
7 strongly keep this district the way it is. We urge you
8 to do that. Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
11 Ms. Taylor. We now move I believe to Mr. David Epel
12 from Pacific Grove who is representing Hopkins Marine
13 Station. Associate director, I believe, sir.

14 MR. EPEL: Thank you very much. I'm a marine
15 biologist, and the Hopkins Marine Station has been there
16 for 110 years, and I wanted to speak in terms of marine
17 biology-marine sciences community, almost 2,000
18 researchers in Monterey Bay, a budget of about 130
19 million dollars last year; and this is dependent on
20 Monterey Bay, Santa Cruz down the Big Sur coast. There
21 are 38 research institutes from Santa Cruz, Monterey,
22 Cal Fish and Game and Big Sur. It doesn't make sense to
23 break up this very vibrant and actually fastest growing
24 marine science community in the United States.

25 As I said, the geography kind of contradicts

1 county states are just arbitrarily made. They are made
2 on realistic boundaries, and that's what we need to
3 preserve. The only other point I want to make is our
4 current and previous representatives have worked very
5 hard to establish this and strengthen marine sciences in
6 Monterey County. That's Assemblyman Farr, Senator
7 McPherson and Assemblyman Keeley. It's just a tradition
8 these people knowing what's necessary for us to keep the
9 marine sciences community strong and growing. Thank
10 you.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
13 Let me know if there are technical folks. It appeared
14 to me Mr. Epel was speaking directly into the
15 microphone, from my end it looked like, yet we were
16 getting quite an echo in the background there. If you
17 could double-check if there is another microphone noise.
18 We could hear him, we could understand him, but there
19 was a quite a bit of echo.

20 Next I believe, Mr. Pohlhammer, you're the
21 next speaker. Please go ahead and introduce yourself
22 and the mike is yours.

23 MR. POHLHAMMER: Thanks very much, Chairman
24 Longville. If I talk too loud or you can't hear me, let
25 me know.

1 I appreciate this opportunity to speak with
2 you and I should say that I'm chair of the Monterey
3 County Democratic Central Committee, and I want to speak
4 in terms of comity. In an ideal world, we would want no
5 change at all because we like the 15th district as it
6 exists, but, of course, we all know the world isn't
7 ideal.

8 I would like to say this, though. Monterey
9 and Santa Cruz County are joined at the hip and you've
10 probably seen that with all the testimony you've had so
11 far. We all share Monterey Bay, we're both marine
12 oriented, we both have redwood forests, we both have
13 many colleges, many universities, we both have wine
14 industries. We have a great deal in common. I've only
15 begun to scratch the list.

16 If you look at the way things have been
17 divided, you've taken away half of Santa Cruz County and
18 added San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County.
19 We'll have to take our passport to get to those places.
20 There's a big wilderness between here and San Luis
21 Obispo County and we have very little in common with
22 them. We certainly have really many miles, hundreds of
23 miles of wilderness. It takes hours to get down there.
24 We are largely urban, they are largely rural. We are
25 oriented toward San Francisco, they are oriented toward

1 Los Angeles.

2 I urge you as strongly as I can to reunite
3 Monterey County and Santa Cruz. Somehow or another if
4 you can add territory from Santa Cruz to this district
5 and give away Santa Barbara and perhaps portions of San
6 Luis Obispo, do what you can. That's all I can say.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you. Next I
9 believe is John Zeto and after Mr. Zeto will be Janice
10 O'Brien from Pebble Beach, I believe. Excuse me. Okay.
11 Who do we have next?

12 MS. O'BRIEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Zeto is not
13 here. So I'm Janice O'Brien. I'm prepared to speak.

14 I am a 30-year resident of the Monterey
15 Peninsula and have been active in the protection of the
16 natural resources and agricultural riches of our unique
17 county. The cavalier and arbitrary dismemberment of our
18 county is unprecedented and could be potentially
19 disastrous in its impact. This is not conducive to
20 party loyalty. Thank you for listening.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
22 As the next person is approaching the podium in
23 Monterey, let me note again if there are any witnesses
24 who have not spoken in Sacramento, please call your
25 names to the attention of the staff so we make sure we

1 don't miss you. We had a few people who had been
2 scheduled but who appear to have left for the day.
3 If in fact anyone has left and returned, make
4 sure staff is aware you're here so we can accommodate
5 you. With that, let me go back to Monterey and I
6 believe next, is this Martha Norton?
7 MS. NORTON: Yes, it is.
8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you,
9 Ms. Norton, you have the mike.
10 MS. NORTON: Okay. I want to thank you,
11 Chairman Longville for this opportunity and I am here
12 the Democratic Women's Club of Monterey County, and I
13 was past president of the Peninsula Democratic Club.
14 To put it mildly, we were outraged when we
15 saw this map of the new District 15 because there are no
16 common areas of interest.
17 When I was a physics teacher in Monterey High
18 School, and I have lived here since 1962, we fought
19 having a nuclear plant on our coast, and my students
20 insisted that we go down and talk there, and they
21 allowed us to come and they told them, pointed out where
22 they thought all the leaks could be in their plant and
23 we did get an engineer who came along and helped us with
24 that; but besides having fought with them, then we go to
25 Santa Barbara County where they have oil rigs. And what

1 we want you to do, you see this line across, it cuts
2 right through the middle of the bay? It's between the
3 11th and the 15th when you're dividing those Senate
4 districts. We want you to take that line and move it up
5 this way and move the whole thing up or move this down,
6 but we don't want a line drawn through the middle of our
7 Monterey Bay Sanctuary because we feel our common area
8 of interest is to be all together and the Monterey Bay
9 should all be included in the same Senate District.

10 So we're very hopeful that you'll take
11 another look at this and just keep in mind that our
12 common area of interest is basically our bay, all the
13 things that we've fought for since I've been here since
14 1962. Okay?

15 You did a great service to us when you helped
16 us create the Monterey Bay Sanctuary. And we were
17 gearing up to elect Fred Keeley as our next Senator and
18 now you've taken him out of our area. Hopefully, he's a
19 star in the Assembly, I hope you'll put him back in our
20 Senate District.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Ms. Martin, just to
22 double-check something, I want to make sure we're okay
23 on our audio. Can you back an inch or way from the
24 microphone? I think you're just a little bit too close
25 and it's distorting the sound there. I think we could

1 understand what you said, but back up about an inch or
2 two from the mike.

3 MS. NORTON: I'm finished. I just ask you to
4 put us back, I don't care whether it's the 11th or the
5 15th, but bring us together. Okay?

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.

7 MS. NORTON: We have a lot of common
8 interests. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
10 Appreciate it. For the witnesses still coming, I don't
11 actually know for sure if that's what making a
12 difference or if it's just a technical problem, but
13 generally being just close to the mike but not quite
14 having it right up against your mouth will give us the
15 best sound.

16 I believe next we have Mr. Alejandro Chavez.
17 Please go ahead, sir, and after you will be Haskells,
18 Gordon and Rachel Haskell will be after you, sir.

19 MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you, Chairman Longville.
20 I'm a current member of the Watsonville Santa Cruz
21 County LULAC council 3059, also the current Pajaro
22 Valley Democratic Club president, and current alternate
23 member of the Santa Cruz County Democratic Central
24 Committee.

25 I am here today because I want to urge you to

1 make certain that San Cruz County and Monterey County in
2 their entirety continues to be included within the
3 boundaries of the 15th senatorial district. I urge you
4 to enforce the Voting Rights Act and to not divide our
5 communities of interest.

6 Our commonalities and our community of
7 interest lies in tourism industry, the environmental
8 factors that hold us together, on educational
9 collaboration, on our unique agricultural industry,
10 including the strawberry industry, lettuce industry,
11 wine industry, and most importantly, of course, our
12 children, our youth.

13 I ask you to take into consideration the
14 Monterey Bay sanctuary the Elkhorn Slough and Pajaro
15 River as some of our areas of commonalities that belong
16 in our community of the 15th district. Our strength
17 together Monterey and Santa Cruz County is to be able to
18 pull together and address issues on a united front.

19 We are so different in comparison to the
20 Central Valley as well with San Luis Obispo County.
21 Make sure we look at geographic natural boundaries as
22 well. Do not split up Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.
23 It is crucial when we talk about having a future for
24 Central Coast of California. By splitting our counties
25 of Monterey and Santa Cruz, you take away our hope, our

1 hope we have a future in the Central Coast.

2 Do not destroy our Central Coast by taking
3 away our voice. Do not silence us by taking away our
4 common voice and strength, which is having one
5 representative for the Central Coast at the senatorial
6 level. Look at our common issues and communities of
7 interest and invest in us, not on politics or political
8 futures or back door deals by Republicans and/or
9 Democrats.

10 Rather, take a look at our wants, our needs
11 and give us an opportunity to have our own voice. Do
12 not split up our future by destroying our representation
13 in the 15th senatorial district. Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
16 Mr. Chavez, and I believe that is Mark Weller next.

17 MR. WELLER: Yes, I'm glad you got that
18 right. Haskells are some pretty big shoes to fill
19 around here.

20 Chairman Longville, members of the committee,
21 thank you for the opportunity to speak long distance.
22 I'm Mark Weller, representative from the 1800-member
23 hotel employees and restaurant employees union local 483
24 in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

25 We're concerned that our communities will be

1 divided and that our voting power will be diluted. We
2 have established community of interest in the current
3 Senate District No. 15 which has for decades included
4 all Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

5 Carving this district into three new ones
6 cuts across longstanding community and work alliances.
7 Our members of the hotel employee and restaurant
8 employees union, for instance, would no longer be able
9 to speak as one united voice to our State Senator.
10 Rather, we would be split into three different
11 directions, the power of our voice divided.

12 The proposed State Senate boundaries cut up
13 and stretch the new districts in unreasonable and
14 divisive ways. We urge to you keep neighboring Santa
15 Cruz and Monterey counties together. It works that way,
16 it only makes sense that way, it's right that way.
17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
20 Mr. Weller. We appreciate it.

21 Next will be I believe Mr. Clark. Oops.
22 Excuse me. It doesn't look like Clark. I'm guessing it
23 might be Gail Hall.

24 MS. VANDEVERE: Gail Hall has also left and
25 I'm Joyce Vandever.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Joyce Vandevere from
2 Monterey representing Women's International League for
3 Peace and Freedom.

4 MS. VANDEVERE: After all of the statements
5 that have been made, I have very little to add, but I
6 thank you, Chairman Longville, for this opportunity.

7 I am not representing any government body as
8 many people have been who spoke today. I'm representing
9 just regular people of this area who are active in
10 trying to make our communities work. And I've been
11 active with many organizations of which the Women's
12 International League for Peace and Freedom is only one,
13 and I've lived in this area for 45 years, and to me the
14 community of interest is so obvious between the cities
15 around our Monterey Bay that it's hard to imagine that
16 somebody in Sacramento would not see it that way, but
17 over the years in many organizations we have reached
18 around the bay to try to put a human face on that
19 community of interest. We have networked, tried to get
20 to know real people on the other side of the bay so that
21 we could work together in common cause for the purposes
22 that we share, and this includes groups like the
23 Regional Alliance for Progressive Policy which for years
24 met sometimes in Monterey and sometimes in Santa Cruz
25 and sometimes in Watsonville halfway in between so as we

1 could get people from both sides of the bay talking
2 together.

3 It includes the Toxics Action Coalition,
4 which is concerned about health issues surrounding
5 pesticides, which has also met on both sides of the bay
6 and finally has settled for meeting in Aptos which is
7 somewhat halfway.

8 The Women's International League for Peace
9 and Freedom meets, as it will two weeks from now, with
10 its sisters in Santa Cruz and sometimes with its sisters
11 in Watsonville because of our community of interest.
12 The Commission on the Status of Women of which I'm a
13 member in Monterey County recently hosted members from
14 the Santa Cruz commission so that we could talk together
15 on how to promote CGAW. We have this community of
16 interest around the bay and it's real with people
17 networking with each other.

18 It makes me weep to think that all these
19 connections are to no avail if you have your
20 redistricting plan, that now we must try to start up
21 connections with people in San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria.
22 That's three hours at least to drive to San Luis Obispo.
23 I've complained about driving to Santa Cruz, but that's
24 only 50 minutes and I can do it. Even though I am old,
25 I can still drive to Santa Cruz. I'm not sure that I

1 can make it to meetings with people in San Luis Obispo.

2 I do ask you to keep some semblance of that
3 present district for Senate District 15. It's been very
4 important to us, to all of us, and there is unanimity as
5 you can hear from the people in room. I don't hear
6 anybody saying they want it divided. Please help us.
7 Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
10 Ms. Vandever. I apologize for the fact that my list is
11 not absolutely completely accurate and recognize that
12 unfortunately both in Monterey and in Sacramento some
13 people have been unable to wait as long as they would
14 have had to eventually get their names up because we had
15 so many witnesses. I apologize both to the people who
16 were unable to stick around long enough and for those
17 who are watching for the fact that this is going on a
18 long time. We want to take all the input we can get.

19 Next I believe I have Mr. Daniel Bronson; is
20 that correct?

21 MR. BRONSON: That's correct.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Okay. You have the
23 microphone, sir.

24 MR. BRONSON: My name is Daniel Bronson and I
25 am a Democrat. In San Cruz County I represent with

1 others the greater Watsonville area on the county
2 Democratic Central Committee.

3 I and all of my colleagues on the central
4 committee have taken an absolute opposition to the plan
5 you are considering now. Earlier testimony from our
6 chair confirms this.

7 We are the long-time Democrats that have
8 supported and funded campaigns with our hard-earned
9 money and countless hours of dedicated volunteer efforts
10 at every level of the political hierarchy. Your
11 dividing Santa Cruz and Monterey and the communities of
12 interest are like chopping up a piece of meat. You are
13 making enemies of Democrats and Republicans alike with
14 the plan you have drafted. Politically your plan
15 amounts to vivisection of the local party organizations
16 and all the representative connections that represents
17 throughout our area.

18 I can assure you the dedication and resolve
19 of the Democrats in our area, the guiding principles of
20 that organization are immovable. However, if this plan
21 goes forward, the elected official responsible will be
22 remembered and for a very long time. Personally, I will
23 recruit others any way I can to lead protests and
24 actively replace the legislators responsible.

25 The point has already been made about how

1 destructive the division of our districts in this way
2 are to the development of the political parties and
3 several minority groups' rights in this area,
4 principally the emerging ability of a large and often
5 low income and historically disenfranchised Latino and
6 Mexican-American population. These people have suffered
7 long enough. Do not assign the hard won gains of these
8 and other working class people to the garbage heap.

9 I am a blue collar worker, I'm a Democrat and
10 I vote. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
13 We appreciate it, Mr. Bronson. And is this next
14 Ms. Osmundson?

15 MS. OSMUNDSON: Correct. That's good.

16 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: We'd appreciate it if
17 you'd go ahead and introduce yourself for the record and
18 you have the microphone.

19 MS. OSMUNDSON: My name is Karen Osmundson.
20 I'm absolutely in opposition to this redistricting plan.
21 I am an activist. I'm an activist in both Monterey
22 County and Santa Cruz County, partly because I live in
23 the middle. I live in Watsonville. And I have in my
24 life recruited many, many, many volunteers from the
25 community. I have recruited many, many, many union

1 members to be involved, and I have convinced them
2 because I tell them what a difference their voice and
3 their participation can make in our community.

4 What would I tell them if this redistricting
5 plan passes? Will I tell them that their participation
6 is important but we now no longer have the power to make
7 a difference in our community? Will I tell them that
8 when I recruit them, that our power is totally and
9 completely diluted now?

10 I've also been involved in huge voter
11 registration campaigns in our community. I have
12 registered with others thousands and thousands of new
13 people in these two regions to vote, and I convinced
14 them to register to vote because I tell them what a
15 difference their voice and their participation in the
16 voting process can make in our community.

17 What would I tell them if this redistricting
18 plan passes? Would I tell them that they should
19 register but their voice no longer has the power that it
20 once did to make a difference in our community? Would I
21 have to tell them that? I don't want to have to tell
22 all these people that I've recruited these things.

23 You know, I am completely in opposition and
24 I'm sure that every single union member and community
25 member that I have worked with agrees with me. Thank

1 you.

2 (Applause.)

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
4 Ms. Osmundson. Next I believe we have Corey Brown; is
5 that correct?

6 MR. BROWN: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.
7 Chairman Longville, members of the committee my name is
8 Corey Brown. For the past 18 years I've represented
9 various conservation groups working on a bipartisan
10 level before the State Capitol and the State Legislature
11 to protect California's environment for the past 11
12 months here in Monterey County.

13 After working on conservation issues
14 throughout the state, a couple of the key things that we
15 noticed are first the importance of communities of
16 interest, natural communities as well as having
17 communities of people that work to protect those natural
18 resources.

19 I've worked throughout California. I haven't
20 seen areas that have this distinct of an identity of
21 working together to solve conservation problems as we
22 have here in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. These
23 communities have a very strong attachment to Monterey
24 Bay that the State Legislature very wisely recognized as
25 the Monterey Bay State Seashore. It's also received

1 national designation as a national sanctuary. This bay
2 is a very precious resource, one of the most sensitive
3 natural resources and recognizable natural resources in
4 the State of California, fed the Salinas River.

5 The current configuration combining Santa
6 Cruz and Monterey Bay counties with other areas, San
7 Benito and others, is your ability to provide the focus
8 to protect this particular area.

9 You also have other environmental issues
10 where these areas are connected. You have
11 transportation planning, which has a major impact on the
12 environment. Mr. Chairman, through your services,
13 former chair of the transportation committee, you helped
14 lead solid planning efforts for transportation.
15 Continuing to keep Santa Cruz and Monterey County is
16 very important to make sure we have integrated along
17 this portion of the Central Coast.

18 We also have planning to keep air clean in
19 this area because we have a unified air basin. For a
20 variety of reasons to protect the environment, it's very
21 important to keep Santa Cruz and Monterey counties
22 together. We urge you to make amendments to the Senate
23 plan to reflect the wisdom that you saw in the Assembly
24 and Congressional plans by bringing Santa Cruz and
25 Monterey counties back together again. Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
3 Mr. Brown. Let me note, by the way, I do serve on the
4 transportation committee and I've been involved in
5 transportation for several decades, but I actually
6 didn't chair the transportation committee in the
7 Assembly yet, but I appreciate the other references.

8 And is this Ms. Ferlito?

9 MS. FERLITO: Yes, my name is Karen Ferlito,
10 and I'm not going to repeat everything that's been said
11 today, but I agree with all of it. I think every one of
12 us here would say those same things.

13 I want to thank you for the opportunity to
14 speak, but I also want to chastise you a bit for giving
15 us so little time by announcing this on Friday before
16 the three-day weekend. It is very, very difficult to
17 react to this monumental and disastrous proposal in such
18 a short span of time.

19 One thing that I will repeat is that for
20 decades Santa Cruz and Monterey County have been in one
21 State Senate District and will also repeat that we want
22 to remain so. We do not want to be sectioned up into
23 three separate areas. It would relegate us to being a
24 simple outpost and that would be disastrous. Please
25 rethink this plan and restore us. Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
3 Ms. Ferlito, and I believe Ms. Bernice Belton is
4 approaching the podium next. As she arrives I'd just
5 note, I'm not certain of this, of course, I'm going to
6 ask my friend Chairman Perata over in the Senate
7 committee, this is a plan that may be a test to see
8 what we could to do get to Monterey and Santa Cruz
9 activists out active again. I'm not sure of that. I'm
10 going to just double-check with him.

11 Ms. Belton, I believe you're next.

12 MS. BELTON: Yes, thank you very much. There
13 is very little left, I think there is very little left
14 to say that hasn't been said already today about the
15 reasons for dumping this really awful plan that's been
16 proposed, but the fact that I agree with almost
17 everybody that has talked doesn't mean I'm not going to
18 speak anyway. I am.

19 One of the things I'm going to suggest is
20 that an earlier speaker talked about the fact that there
21 weren't many young people here. That's true. I that's
22 not because I know I look young, but I'm not young, but
23 I did point out sprinkled in audience are other young
24 people. They are in their 40's and in their 50's. And
25 my fear if this plan as proposed goes through that

1 numbers of people both in that age group and those
2 younger who are hanging by a hair anyway to the
3 Democratic party may abandon it, and they'll have my
4 sympathy.

5 I can't abandon it. For me, it's still the
6 only show in town, but there are lots of young people
7 who are looking, who have already looked at the Green
8 Party, as you know. If they ever get their act together
9 and this kind of a proposal to tear up Santa Cruz and
10 Monterey goes through, I don't know if those of us who
11 are inflexible enough to stay in the Democratic party
12 who are still activists, still getting volunteers out to
13 work and to call and do all the other things necessary
14 in voter registration and election, I don't know how
15 we're going to be able to keep them in. Some of my best
16 friends are hanging by a hair.

17 So I ask of you to please dump this atrocious
18 plan. And also there have been rumors floating, some of
19 which I suspect are true, that deals have been cut and
20 that what we're all doing here today is window dressing.
21 If that's true, I really resent it because I go to lots
22 of demonstrations, lots of hearings, and I still
23 continue to think that my voice matters.

24 If there have been deals cut, abandon them.
25 You know, John Burton, you are one of the good guys.

1 How can you be supporting this no matter what the deal
2 is that's been cut. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
5 Ms. Belton, and I appreciate your thoughts and would now
6 recognize Ms. Annette Dow, I believe.

7 MS. DOW: Thank you. I actually don't live
8 in Santa Cruz any more. I've lived in San Jose for
9 several years now and I want to speak to that because
10 what you're doing is trying to turn Santa Cruz into a
11 Silicon Valley community. I want to say for somebody
12 that lives on that side of the hill that there is
13 nothing on it. I work in San Jose, I live in Palo Alto.
14 I'm up there four days a week. I know what those people
15 care about and their daily issues are very, very
16 different from what goes on this side of the hill.

17 It would be disastrous to Santa Cruz to be
18 lumped in with them. Santa Cruz will ignored. All the
19 funding, whoever runs for office in this new district
20 that you're creating is going to have to cater to the
21 Silicon Valley moguls and what they want. It's not what
22 Santa Cruz residents want, what Santa Cruz County and
23 Monterey County residents want.

24 Everything that everybody has said here today
25 is so true in terms of the damage and destruction that

1 you're doing, not just to a political community, but to
2 an environmental community and a social community. So I
3 urge you, as somebody who sees what it's like from the
4 other side of the hill, to please leave this community
5 intact and don't take it away.

6 Then I also want to touch on something
7 Bernice said about us being window dressing because I
8 understand from Mr. Weller on August 16th there was
9 hearing in San Jose, there was standing room only and
10 that to a person, except for one person, everybody there
11 begged you guys to keep this district together, and here
12 we are today with not nearly as many people, and I know
13 it's easier for politicians to run the country when
14 people aren't involved, but I think it's really sad.
15 You give a lot of lip service to wanting people
16 involved, and yet when we do get involved, you ignore us
17 and you make us window dressing and it's very
18 discouraging and it creates a lot of apathy in people.

19 So I want to reiterate Bernice's hope that we
20 aren't just window dressing and this will have an impact
21 on your ultimate decision.

22 I also want to say you're going to have to do
23 more than tweak your plan. You're going to have to
24 rewrite the whole thing, and you have to do it because
25 you will destroy a lot of different kinds of communities

1 that are very important to the entire State of
2 California.

3 As a final comment, when I heard this plan
4 had been proposed, I wondered if something had changed
5 overnight, that all the sudden we had a Republican
6 Governor and Republican controlled legislature up in
7 Sacramento because I just can't imagine Democrats really
8 wrote this plan. It just makes no sense. So that's it.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
11 Ms. Dow. By the way, I'm presuming referring to the
12 Senate plan and not to the Assembly plan, I'm assuming,
13 since that's what most people have been discussing.

14 Let me go now, I believe is this Mr. Robert
15 Coble?

16 MR. COBLE: That's correct. I'm Bob Coble,
17 and I'm here from the North Monterey County Federation
18 of Teachers, and we are right there at the edge of
19 Monterey County. We're right next to the Santa Cruz
20 County. Our members live all the way from Santa Cruz
21 County, the northern part of Santa Cruz County around
22 the bay including into Salinas, to our 20 minutes away
23 neighbor, not three hours, down to and beyond Carmel.
24 In fact, some of our members actually teach in
25 Carmel-Pacific Grove in the alternative education

1 programs.

2 And we're appalled as the other people here
3 have mentioned. I've heard a lot of good people here
4 this afternoon give you marvelous reasons as to why this
5 shouldn't be done. I look at you on the monitor here
6 and you don't look evil, but whoever put together this
7 plan has a definite mean streak in them, and I realize
8 that the fact that we currently have a Republican
9 Senator representing our area has a little bit to do
10 with this back room deal, but I will tell you that I
11 believe that our Republican Senator for the 15th is a
12 lot better for our area than many of these so-called
13 Democrats who are in the Assembly and the State Senate.

14 So like everyone else here, our organization
15 is very upset at this plan and I hope you do more than a
16 little tweaking. We should retain the integrity of our
17 700,000 voters here because you know we're going to be
18 effectively disenfranchised. As Fred said, we'll just
19 be the little tail on the three different dogs and we
20 won't matter.

21 And, also, Fred Keeley will be a great asset
22 in the State Senate. I just cannot believe that you
23 people have done this to him in order to help some
24 people over there in Central Valley or elsewhere.

25 So, please, add our voice, the North Monterey

1 County Federation of Teachers and I'm also with the
2 Monterey County Labor Council and Sierra Club and
3 Friends of the Otters and all that stuff. Save our
4 Central Coast. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you again,
7 Mr. Coble. And I believe we have next Barbara Bass
8 Evans. Is that correct, ma'am?

9 MS. EVANS: That's correct. I hope you're
10 getting the -- I'm Barbara Bass Evans. I represent an
11 activist group called Save Our Waterfront.

12 I hope you're getting the impression that we
13 are very, very concerned about this and we are a
14 community in this district that speak out and speak out
15 intelligently. I will not try to duplicate the expert
16 testimony that you've already heard, but I will try to
17 characterize this district in a very special way.

18 We are a very diverse district. Every
19 economic level, every educational level, every racial
20 level is represented in this district, and yet we are a
21 family. You may know if you've read your history that
22 Monterey is the seat of the state government. Perhaps
23 our forefathers made a mistake in allowing it to go to
24 Sacramento. Perhaps, though, we need to get back to
25 this family feeling that we have.

1 Yes, we have our squabbles in amongst each
2 other over protecting the coast line or too tall
3 buildings, but we are a family unit, and in this family
4 unit we have some commonalities. One is, and you see
5 that today, we believe in participatory democracy. The
6 other is that we interact with our representatives on a
7 very personal basis and they are part of our family.

8 This redistricting plan removes those two
9 elements of our family. In fact, what this
10 redistricting plan does is force a divorce and force
11 this family into dysfunction so that we no longer feel
12 that we are participating in state --

13 He's not listening.

14 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I'm sorry. I had a
15 technical question I made sure I got. Go right ahead.

16 MS. EVANS: I hope that you understand that
17 we are a family and that this redistricting plan forces
18 us into divorce and into dysfunction so that we lose
19 that participatory feeling in democracy with our state
20 and we lose that family feeling with our
21 representatives. Please do not force family dysfunction
22 on this district. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much.
25 Thank you very much, Ms. Evans. I must say there are

1 moments, particularly during the hotter weather here,
2 when I would be very pleased if the State Capitol had
3 stayed in Monterey, but I'm not sure Monterey would like
4 all of us to be down there.

5 In any event, I believe I have next Mr. Hill.

6 MR. HILL: My name is Keith Hill. I'm with
7 the Peninsula Democratic Club in Monterey Peninsula.
8 I'll eye it very short since it looks like I'm the last
9 one here.

10 The first is people were mentioning why some
11 young people weren't here. I've been informed there are
12 at least 20 Democrats at Monterey High School, young
13 Democrats that would have been here, but they had to be
14 in school or else they would be in violation of state
15 law.

16 The other thing I would like to say again,
17 emphasize again the uniqueness of this region. We think
18 when you live in Monterey, you think about Monterey Bay,
19 you think about Santa Cruz, you think about maybe Moss
20 Landing. You don't think about San Luis Obispo, you
21 don't think about Santa Barbara. They are nice places
22 to visit, but you don't think about them.

23 The other thing I remember is supposedly what
24 you're trying to do is preserve the Republican.
25 Leastways they don't -- there isn't a two-thirds

1 Democratic majority, so therefore they basically become
2 a cipher on the political screen.

3 Well, if they start giving us the same kind
4 of candidates as Dan Lundgren and what's in the White
5 House now that told us pound sand with electricity,
6 there won't be too many Republicans in Sacramento
7 either. That's all. Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
10 sir.

11 Is Mr. Ed Brown still there from Castroville?
12 Do we have Mr. Ed Brown yet? Okay.

13 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Longville, members of
14 the committee, thank you. My name is Ed Brown. I'm
15 secretary/treasurer of the Monterey Bay Central Labor
16 Council AFL-CIO which just became this year following
17 the merger of the Santa Cruz County Central Labor
18 Council AFL-CIO and Monterey County Central Labor
19 Council AFL-CIO. Each of those two county councils were
20 chartered by what was then the AFL in the early part of
21 the last century, first half of the last century, and
22 just this year, as I said, after a very careful,
23 lengthy --

24 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: I'm sorry. Excuse
25 me, sir. I was just being asked a question related to

1 the next stage. Can you repeat yourself, sir? Excuse
2 me for interrupting.

3 MR. BROWN: The two independent councils
4 merged this year after a very lengthy, multi-year
5 process where the issue of merger was carefully
6 considered and a number of really important potential
7 objections were overcome, and the real kicker for merger
8 finally was just the reality of the regionalism of the
9 area. The two counties really were better configured as
10 one region, just as our current Senate District is.

11 So I and some other of my colleagues in the
12 room here have really, really just been hammering this
13 issue of community of interest, regionalism and so on.
14 I won't repeat what other speakers have said, you know,
15 the details of that, you know, merits of the community
16 of interest, the regionalism and so on.

17 The other point I would like to make with you
18 in the committee is really the breadth and depth of this
19 coalition that has emerged here very suddenly, very
20 quickly, just following the news of this proposal to
21 basically destroy our Senate District and all that comes
22 with it, all the influence we carefully built over the
23 years.

24 Republicans, Democrats, independents, all
25 types of organizations, every little nook and cranny of

1 the two counties, it's really been amazing. Several of
2 the meetings I've been to in recent days, the cast of
3 characters at the table has been like nothing I've ever
4 seen.

5 The point being I would urge your committee
6 not to underestimate, as I say, the breadth and depth of
7 this coalition that is going to be out there fighting
8 you if the intention is to go on with this proposal.

9 It's been mentioned about young people and,
10 you know, deal making and that sort of thing, and I
11 really want to emphasize that, too. You know, we pay a
12 lot of rhetoric to the sacredness of our political
13 system and our democracy and all of that, and this
14 really smacks at, you know, not really living up to that
15 rhetoric.

16 I don't know, you know, the bloody details of
17 the deal making, you know, to the extent that there is
18 deal making going on, but I can tell you there is real
19 danger here of more cynicism, less faith in our system,
20 less faith in you as political leaders. We really,
21 really feel had by this turn of events.

22 I would just join with my earlier speakers
23 here and urge you to really, really pull back, take
24 another look at this thing, do the right thing, don't
25 chop us up into little pieces and thereby make us, you

1 know, not any factor in all of the important political
2 decisionmaking that is ahead of us in the coming years.

3 Again, thank you, Chairman Longville, members
4 of the committee.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much,
7 Mr. Brown. We appreciate you taking the time, as with
8 all of your neighbors and nearby associates.

9 I believe that's the end of the witnesses we
10 have scheduled in Monterey. However, if I'm incorrect,
11 if there is any additional witness, please step up to
12 the microphone and we will recognize you. But assuming
13 that that's the end of the Monterey testimony, we'll
14 move back to Sacramento, and I want to thank all the
15 folks in Monterey and Santa Cruz for taking the time and
16 trouble to come here today. I can assure you personally
17 that the next time I drive across Highway 68 I'm going
18 to be keeping in mind the connections that people
19 described as I go down there, whether it's to Asilomar
20 or to Monterey itself or wherever I'm traveling in one
21 of my favorite areas and appreciate very much your
22 taking the time to share your thoughts so that the
23 conference committee which will be making the final
24 decisions on these lines over the next 10 days will have
25 the benefit of that.

1 And I would note, by the way, that every bit
2 of testimony that's been given today as well as that we
3 are still to receive is being taken down by a court
4 stenographer and will be given to all of the members of
5 the committee. So even though there are some times when
6 you may see that there is not a lot of people here
7 listening, the testimony is being recorded both on
8 videotape and also verbatim typed up.

9 And with that, I believe that our next
10 witness here in Sacramento will be from the
11 Mexican-American Graduating Committee, Mr. Rafael Rocha.

12 MR. ROCHA: Yes, good afternoon, everybody.
13 My name is Rafael M. Rocha, and I'm here from the
14 Mexican-American Graduating Committee. I am also here
15 from the Stop the Violence Latino U.S.A., which is a
16 local little clubs that we're trying to promote the
17 Latino youth stay away from drug activity, alcoholism
18 and in general crime and also trying to encourage the
19 Latino youth to graduate from high school, obviously.

20 I don't know if you're aware of this, but
21 there's what I would call a very bad problem in the
22 Mexican-American Latino community of high school
23 dropout, and it's really a sad thing, but I'm confident
24 that we're going to address it in the future with the
25 help of the Legislature and the community.

1 Anyway, I'm here kind of to make a couple
2 real quick statements. I'm really glad that you're
3 giving me this opportunity to speak real quick.

4 On the topic of -- I mean, excuse me, I'm
5 very nervous, but I was listening to the people in
6 Monterey and they were talking about there at the city
7 college there and there was a lack of youth, of today's
8 youth today there represented. Probably one of the
9 reasons because they're probably out in class which is a
10 good thing.

11 But I'm coming from a Latino perspective. I
12 believe that Latinos are totally unrepresented in the
13 college ranks. As we know, anywhere before 1970, 1965
14 Latinos encountered lots of discrimination in college
15 and hostility, whether it was because you had a Latino
16 name or whatever it was. It was kind of acceptable by
17 the white majority to act hostile towards people with
18 Latino surnames.

19 In a way, I kind of think that that's still
20 going on today, but then again, who am I. I am very
21 proud to be a member of this California society. I am
22 also a member of the local chapter of LULAC, League of
23 United Latino American Citizens, here in Sacramento.
24 Our president is Rebecca Sandoval, but today I'm coming
25 on my own and I'm testifying on a couple things.

1 Redistricting is always a question of
2 fairness, where the boundaries are going to cut one
3 community to another, but I'm come here as redistricting
4 in a form of -- I want to take this opportunity and make
5 a couple points. I'm going to keep it real short.

6 The point I'm trying to make is that there is
7 still a lot of discrimination against the Latino
8 community out there, and I want to make the point of
9 bringing to attention, and here I go, bringing attention
10 to the issue of Latino perceptions on national English
11 language TV, mostly negative portrayals.

12 Now, you might ask why am I bringing this up
13 here if we're talking about redistricting. Well, let me
14 back you up. Back in 1996, the really terrible thing
15 that this state went through with Proposition 209, the
16 anti-affirmative action which really at the time I think
17 Pete Wilson at the time was the most ridiculous thing
18 that here we had a white Governor and he went and got
19 the black guy, a black Republican, and put him out in
20 front of this thing and said, wow, see, now we live in a
21 color blind society and we live in a level playing
22 field. That was the most ridiculous thinking that ever
23 happened in this state.

24 You know, I wish some day we do have a color
25 blind society. I'm sure most of us here probably are

1 wishing for that some day, but we have to face reality
2 that we don't.

3 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Mr. Rocha, I
4 appreciate what you're saying and in fact --

5 MR. ROCHA: It does have to do with
6 redistricting.

7 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: For the record, on
8 Prop 209 I was actively aggressively campaigning
9 against, but if you could get to something involving
10 redistricting, because that's what we're focusing on.

11 MR. ROCHA: Latino suffer low self-esteem.
12 There is a lot of different reasons. They suffer low
13 self-esteem primarily to nonexistent positive role
14 models on national English language TV. Racism is alive
15 today. It's broadcast on local bigoted TV.

16 I'm telling the truth. Okay. We have white
17 race preferences. I'll give you a quick example. On
18 Fox TV there's a show that's going to be coming on, it's
19 a new show, it's called "Undeclared." All white folks
20 going to school.

21 We have in a society, if we cannot get to
22 that point where white people start understanding that
23 white people have had preferences in society, in
24 college, everywhere, this effects my Latino youth
25 because if they don't see -- I have a 13-year-old

1 daughter.

2 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Mr. Rocha, I'm not in
3 any way disagreeing or trying to argue with you, but if
4 you could discuss redistricting, without in any way
5 disagreeing any point you're attempting to make here, we
6 needed to focus today on redistricting.

7 MR. ROCHA: Okay. On redistricting also
8 there is another organization called Children Now in
9 Oakland and they have -- and there's other organizations
10 that have determined that although Latinos make up 12
11 and a half percent now in the United States, under two
12 percent of the positive role models on television, under
13 two percent, that is the lowest representation of any
14 ethnic people in the United States.

15 What that has that to do with redistricting
16 has to do with neighborhoods, clean neighborhoods, safe
17 neighborhoods and the youth are influenced by this
18 television. If you live one in district and it has a
19 lot to do with the community, the schools and so I guess
20 what I'm trying to say is that, you know, we should not
21 live in denial of these kind of things, and obviously I
22 am kind of not talking about redistricting.

23 I'm going to close now. And I will bring
24 this subject about under-represented on television with
25 State Senate in the future, but what I'm thinking is in

1 talking about a level playing field, a color blind
2 society, yes, Latinos are under-represented in Congress
3 and in State Senate, State Assembly and this has been
4 going on for a long time. And I'm really happy today
5 that we're going to make inroads to make things better
6 and I applaud everybody here for being patient with me
7 and glory to God. Bye-bye.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONGVILLE: Thank you very much
9 for coming here today, and ladies and gentlemen, let me
10 first double-check if there are any additional witnesses
11 who have not been recognized. I believe we have taken
12 everyone who hung around. I appreciate that there were
13 some people who were unable to stay and had to leave and
14 I apologize for that.

15 We will be reconvening tomorrow morning at
16 approximately 9:00 o'clock with Southern California
17 coverage. Let me note that the sites we had today I
18 want to thank the folks who have been making it possible
19 for us to have these unprecedented remote hearings all
20 tied in like this at the Chancellor's Office for the
21 California Community College System, Henry Burnett, Lynn
22 Pediachi and Douglas Jordan. And again let me apologize
23 for names that I garble. I'll do my best, but I haven't
24 seen the names before. At City College of San Francisco
25 Lesley Smith and Dave Gallerani; at Fresno City College,

1 Phil Howard and Ted Uyesaki; at Monterey Peninsula
2 College, Pauly Kearney, John Kolina, and George whose
3 last name I don't have; at San Jose Evergreen District
4 College, Nilda O'Connor; and here in the State Capitol
5 Fred Stetler, Don Burnett, Jeff Weigt and John Connelly,
6 and I know countless others who have been involved,
7 obviously our committee staff we have up here and the
8 other members, the sergeants and others who provided us
9 assistance. Thank you all very much and look forward to
10 seeing many of you tomorrow when we will continue these
11 hearings for the last day.

12 Thank you again, and with that, this hearing
13 is adjourned for today.

14 (Whereupon the Public Hearing on
15 Redistricting before the Elections, Reapportionment and
16 Constitutional Amendments Committee was adjourned at
17 4:30 p.m.)

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